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OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

FOR THE YEAR 1885.

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold; them, also, I must bring, and they shall hear my voice, and there shall be one fold and one shepherd.—JOHN x:16.

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Meeting of General Executive Committee.

The sixteenth annual meeting of the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society met in the M. E. Church in Evanston, Ill., October 28th, 1885, and continued in session eight days. In many ways the meeting was a notable one. The increased collections, the growing zeal and faith manifested in the reports from the home work, and the rapid expansion and spiritual growth abroad, the Macedonian cry from new fields, and the unexpected and unsolicited gifts that made an answer possible, the providential opening of the training school for missionaries, the harmony that characterized all the business meetings, and the rich spiritual feasts enjoyed in the devotional meetings, made the meeting a memorable one. Earnest women met in that committee; women whose faith appropriated the promises of God, and whose success was the earnest of that faith. Nankin and Singapore were added to the mission fields already entered, and that through the generosity of two of God's stewards; may the number of such increase! Fourteen missionaries are to be sent out in the coming year, and an advance made in all our mission fields. All that a cordial welcome, generous hospitality, sympathy in interest and loving co-operation could add to the meeting, was given most freely, and will be recalled in many pleasant memories.



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In a recent address on Woman's Work, Bishop Hurst said : "The history of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is a romance." It is the romance of reality. A romance that makes women

"Go to many a tropic isle
In the bosom of the deep,
Where skies forever smile
And the oppressed forever weep."

It is a romance that is not to end till in every land it shall be true, that woman

"So dear, so sorrowed o'er
With all her load of misery and sin,
After long ages of transgression, torn
And pierced in heart with love-shafts of the King,
Fall down and bathe His blessed feet with tears :
Then rise, and to the listening world tell out
Her deep repentance and her new-found joy !"

The record of another year of this rare reality, this spiritual romance and its practical work, is now closed. We have come up not merely to enumerate our successes, but mainly to look over the fields where the Society is laboring, to touch our hearts with world-wide sympathies, to unite our voices in thanksgiving for all the way the Lord hath led us, and to plan more largely for the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

HOME WORK.

The Home Work is represented by 3,760 Auxiliary Societies, and 97,647 members, showing an increase over last year of 357 societies, and 3,361 members. About one hundred and fifty Young Ladies' Societies and Mission Bands have been formed, and more than six hundred new life members have been added.

The Treasury, that great barometer of missionary work, has risen to a point never before attained, thus enabling all the Branches to meet their financial obligations. The contributions from October 1st, 1884, to October 1st, 1885, have been as follows :

New England Branch.....	\$ 25 286 07
New York	27,836 41
Philadelphia	15,057 05
Baltimore	7,618 77
Cincinnati	23,103 99
North Western	36 398 32
Des Moines	9,584 05
Minneapolis	5,422 11
Topeka	7,135 89
Total.....	\$157,442 66

This is an increase of \$14,243.52 over the receipts of last year. It seems a very easy matter to make this announcement, but behind it all were prayers and tears, anxiety and labor, weary bodies and heavy hearts, miles of travel, hours of correspondence, the giving out of energy, the giving up of all social life, the laying of all things on God's altar.

Toward the accomplishment of these results many agencies have been employed. The childhood of the Church has become interested, and Mission Bands have sprung into existence everywhere. "Helping Hands" have been busy. "Busy Bees" have made Missionary honey, "Willing Workers" have wrought beautiful things, and "Buds of Promise" have burst forth on every hand; Young Ladies' Societies have multiplied, and their members have conducted their business with intelligence and skill. One Society reports one hundred and fifty members, while a request was sent up to a branch from the Young People that they might be allowed to form a Missionary Association to meet quarterly for better knowledge of each other and their methods of work.

In another Branch a sudden emergency required the sending out of a Missionary to take up the work of one whose health had failed. No appropriation had been made, and there was no money in the treasury for this purpose. A circular stating this fact was sent to the Young People, and as a result, in less than two months the money was raised, and the Missionary is now in India.

Camp-meetings, district organizations, conference anniversaries, annual and branch meetings have been held, and thus a more complete organization effected, showing greater activity.

In these meetings, says one secretary, the blessed Holy Spirit has been manifest in the hearts of the individual worker.

The *Mite Box*, that silent, but powerful agency in the home, with its "penny for a benefit," has contributed quite a large sum. About eighteen thousand of these have been sent out this past year.

LITERATURE.

The Heathen Woman's Friend, so essential to every woman in the work, has *nineteen thousand eight hundred and sixteen subscribers*. The subscriptions have fallen off about five hundred, and this is the only backward step taken by the Society. This paper, so full of information, so rich in its presentation of every phase of Mission work, ought to be in the hands of every member of the Society. The subscriptions are as follows:

New England Branch.....	3,006
New York ".....	3,394
Philadelphia ".....	1,947
Baltimore ".....	862
Cincinnati ".....	2,549
North Western ".....	4,835
Des Moines ".....	1,186
Minneapolis ".....	655
Topeka ".....	1,070
Foreign ".....	150
Scattering ".....	162
Total.....	19,816

ZENANA PAPER.

The effort made during the past year to provide a Christian newspaper for the women of India has proved very successful. The paper has been eagerly sought for by the women, and been greatly appreciated. Two editions have been printed, eight hundred in the Hindi language, and six hundred in the Urdu. It is an eight-paged illustrated monthly, published at the Methodist Press in Lucknow, and is edited by Miss Blackmar. Twelve thousand dollars were raised as an endowment for this paper, and about four thousand dollars have been added the last year, making a total of \$16,273.

LEAFLETS.

The publication of Missionary Leaflets, giving information concerning the work both at home and abroad, has been continued during the year, and a

much greater number issued than ever before. One million seven hundred and ninety-four thousand pages have been sent out and distributed in the churches and homes throughout the Branches.

Besides these, much miscellaneous literature has been provided, and the expense of all met from the funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*. There is no lack of means of information.

MISSIONARIES.

During the year Miss Swaney returned home from Mexico, and Miss Kerr from India, on account of ill health. Miss Budden, of North India, whose health was much broken down, visited England, and then came to America, and has so improved that she hopes soon to return to her work. Miss Cushman, of China, and Miss Holbrook, of Japan, who, during their visit home, have gone through the Branches, giving such efficient help by their vivid pictures of heathenism, and presentation of Mission work, hope to return as soon as the Providences so indicate.

In October the following ladies sailed from New York: Miss T. Kyle and Miss S. Lauck for North India, Miss Mary Elliot for Bombay, and Miss Julia Wisner for Rangoon, Burmah.

Miss Anna Gloss, M. D., also left for North China. Miss Hall, the first representative of the Society to Italy, sailed November 9th.

Mrs. M. F. Scranton, early in the year, started for Korea. She spent some time in Japan studying the Korean language, and reached Seoul, Korea, in July. The following are under appointment :

For India—Miss A. Lawson and Miss A. Dyer.

For Japan—Miss L. Smith and Miss M. J. Elliot.

Miss Hewitt has been accepted, but her field is not yet designated.

FOREIGN WORK.

"Our field is the world." In Japan, Korea, China, India, Bulgaria, Italy, South America and Mexico, the Society has representatives. In these various fields so many interests press, and the work develops so marvelously on every hand, that it can only be referred to in a brief report. Every Christian agency is being utilized to bring the women to a knowledge of the truth.

There are 59 Missionaries at present in the field, with 43 assistants, 182 Bible women and medical workers, 351 pupils in the orphanages, 549 scholarships, 177 day schools, 23 boarding schools, and over 4,000 women under instruction. Medical Missionaries superintend nine dispensaries and hospitals.

Throughout India, north and south, come loud calls for reinforcements. Weary and overworked laborers are coming home to recruit. Medical Missionaries and teachers in the home and in the school cannot meet the demands pressing upon them. The boarding schools in Rangoon and Cal-

cutta are filled to overflowing, and Miss DeLine, who opened zenana work in Bombay a year ago, finds openings everywhere, has employed assistants, and a Missionary has been sent to help her.

Miss Thoburn, who has done such faithful work in India, has been seriously ill, and must come home for perfect rest. A new building for a boarding school in Calcutta is nearing completion, which will accommodate 100 pupils. Applications come from Madras, in the south, and Lahore in the north, for Missionaries.

Miss Swain, our first Medical Missionary, who has given sixteen years of faithful work, has retired from the service of the Society. Early in the year she received an invitation from the Rajah of Khetri (Rajpootana) to visit his wife. She accepted the invitation, and left in March, reached her destination and administered to the Queen. After the Queen improved, the Rajah invited Miss Swain to remain as physician to the palace, and to open a dispensary for the women and children of the surrounding country. After prayerfully considering the matter, knowing there was no Missionary or religious teacher in that part of the country, she decided to remain. She is not restricted in Missionary work, and has opened a school with eighteen girls. She has distributed religious books, and says: "The singing women of the palace sing our hymns to the Queen every evening." Prayers of the Society follow her, that she may be permitted to establish Christianity in the midst of heathen royalty.

Though not strictly connected with a report of this Society, and yet of such importance we desire to refer to it, is the movement now being made by Lady Dufferin (the wife of the present Governor-General of India) to establish a society to provide female practitioners for the women of India. An effort is being made to procure medical women from America, and liberal contributions to aid in the work are being made both by English and native gentlemen. The Queen of England has expressed great interest in the movement. This is the direct outgrowth of Missionary work.

Two "Homes for Homeless Women," one in the city of Lucknow, the other in Pithoragarh, have prospered encouragingly. There are eighteen women in one and seventeen in the other. These women have all sad histories.

In China the settling of the Franco-Chinese war has opened wide doors and requests to enlarge the old work and open new shows great progress has been made. A baptism of the Holy Spirit falls upon the people, and the women and girls in our schools feel the quickening of a deeper spiritual life. In Foochow, Miss Trask, who has opened doors by her medical work that can never be shut, has severed her connection with the Society, and married, and the work is now in charge of Dr. Corey. In Chung King, West China, the work grows, and 40 girls are in the school. In Peking 42 girls are in the boarding school. In Tientsin the medical work, under Dr. Akers, has prospered, and over 700 patients have been treated. In Chin Kiang, Central China, Dr. Hoag is taxed beyond her strength in caring for the sick, and the

home has 28 children. In Wuhu two Missionaries are asked for, and application comes from the Society to open work in Nankin, the old literary capital of the empire.

An urgent application comes from Singapore, midway between China and India, for a teacher and medical worker.

In Japan, advance is made everywhere. The schools have all been blessed with religious influences. Woman's work in the cities, and evangelistic work through the country have greatly developed. A school has been established in the interior, at Fukuoka, with 67 pupils. This was the outgrowth of a revival under the native preacher in that place. A request was sent to Nagasaki, and Miss Gheer started, taking a Bible woman with her, and found 200 people awaiting her arrival.

In Tokio, the boarding school has 81 pupils. The Sabbath schools have an attendance of 250 scholars. An urgent call comes for the establishment of an Industrial Home for Women.

In Hakodati, the medical work is becoming self supporting. The school here has 55 pupils.

In Yokohama, there are five day schools and a training school.

In Nagasaki, the school enrolls 107, and the religious growth of the pupils has been constant and manifest.

Korea, the "Hermit Nation," has opened her doors, and our representative is at Seoul, the capital, having purchased ground, and is awaiting providential developments.

In Bulgaria, our Missionary has two assistants. There are twenty pupils in the boarding school, and a few day scholars. Nine of the girls have been converted and received into the church.

In Italy, the work is represented by a network of stations, beginning with Turin on the north, and extending to the extreme south, with fourteen Bible women. These, by Sunday schools, women's meetings, and distribution of the Word, are undermining corrupt faiths, and making known the true God.

In Mexico and South America, the work has assumed a deeper spiritual character. The orphanage in Mexico City has thirty children. In Puebla there are forty-two girls in the school, and one Bible woman distributed over two thousand religious books and tracts. At Miraflores a new school building has been erected, and 200 names enrolled. So in all the stations in Mexico the school work has advanced.

In Rosario, South America, one school has 100 pupils, and a second for the poor has been opened during the year with 50 girls. In Buenos Ayres, the school work is very satisfactory.

This is a mere glance at the work which is developing so rapidly that it seems impossible to meet the demands. Every year we record the same story—that pleadings for help, for more re-inforcements, constantly ring in our ears

at the annual gatherings. Millions of women say, "Send us help." "You will come back to us; oh, promise you will come back to us," said a Hindoo woman recently to a Missionary who was leaving India, and with tears she pleaded, "Won't you tell every woman you see to send out hundreds to tell us women of the Lord Jesus?" A Syrian woman, teaching in the island of Cyprus, said to a Bible colporteur, "Give me your books and I will scatter them everywhere; but oh, give me fifty teachers for the poor women." There must come a response to these entreaties. It must come from every auxiliary society throughout the bounds of our Methodism; it must come from the one hundred thousand members, and from the consecrated young womanhood of our schools.

The officers of this Society have a deep concern, not about the ultimate issue of all this work, for that belongs to another day, and to One who makes no mistakes in rewarding, but they are concerned for the duty and privilege of the present. Are the women of Methodism measuring up to their responsibility in giving of their abundance to carry the glad tidings?

A Missionary in Southern Africa, wishing to impress upon the pupils in her school the lesson of Christian benevolence, appointed a day in each month when they should have religious services, and each girl bring in her offering, no matter how small that offering. On one occasion, the name of each child being called, she came and deposited her gift on the table. There sat one pupil in the back of the room who had been a member of the school but a very short time. She was unattractive in appearance, and the teacher said to herself, "*She* does not comprehend what we have said or done, but I'll call her name." She did so, and the girl came slowly forward, bearing in her hands an old broken pitcher. The child looked at it tenderly for a moment, pressed it to her heart, raised it to her lips, kissed it lovingly, laid it upon the table and went to her seat in tears. It was only an old broken pitcher, *but it was her all*, and she gave it, and in thus giving it, comprehended more of the Master's spirit than we with our enlightenment.

Our hearts go up as never before for the women of all lands to be given to our King for His inheritance—for this end the Society toils, for this end the women of our churches pray, for this end we may exercise a living, overcoming faith, for

"We are coming to a King;
Large petitions we may bring,
For His grace and power are such,
None can ever ask too much."

MRS. J. T. GRACEY.

REPORT OF FOREIGN WORK.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

Yokohama, Japan; North China and South America.....	MRS. ALDERMAN.
Rohilkund District, India; Central China and Korea.....	MRS. SKIDMORE,
Mexico, and Tokio, Japan.....	MRS. KEEN.
Foochow, China, and West China.....	MISS HART.
Oudh District, India, and Nagasaki, Japan.....	MRS. COWEN.
Italy, Bulgaria and Bombay.....	MRS. HILL.
South India.....	MRS. NIND.
Hakodati, Japan.....	MRS. PATTEE.
Kumaon District.....	MRS. CARIART.

INDIA.

“‘The kingdom of God cometh not with observation.’ These words have a striking fulfillment in the work of the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society in Kumaon, Rohilkund and Oudh. Last year’s report, which has just reached us, is not, in its arrangement, one of those model reports, which present a bird’s-eye view of a Mission to a stranger unacquainted with the geography of a district and the plan of the operations. But whoever reads the fifty-two pages of detached paragraphs about the lodging, boarding, educating, evangelizing and medical treatment of women and girls of every age, degree and character, will become aware of some thirty American ladies, as busy as ants, over a great many stations and sub-stations, each one intent upon her own work, and all under a thorough organization. This extraordinary network of operations is almost entirely new; only a few years ago it was looked upon with disfavor; it is supported by an agency which all the infidelity and hostility in America cannot check; it is spreading faster every year; it is winning the favor of the government and the confidence of the natives; and no one can tell whereunto it will grow.”—*Indian Witness*, March, 1884.

In addition to the twenty-three representatives of the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society in India, and the wives of Missionaries having charge of work supported by the Society, the following are employed as assistants, ze-nana and boarding school teachers, medical assistants and school inspectresses:

Miss Mispelaur.....Paori.	Miss Robertson....Lucknow.
“ Cumberland.....“	“ Singh.....“
Mrs. Whitby.....“	“ French.....“
“ Moore.....Naini Tal.	“ D'Abreu.....“
Miss K. Hunter.....“ “	Mrs. Jarbo.....“
“ Mary King.....“ “	“ Chuckerbutty.....“
Mrs. S. Wadly.....“ “	Miss Connelly.....“
“ R. Gowan.....“ “	“ Crawshaw...“
“ Worthington....Bijnour.	“ S. Baggott....“
Miss Torndorf.....“	“ Cumberland..“
“ M. Seymour....Moradabad.	“ Mutlow.....“
“ Maria Seymour..“	“ Beck.....Cawnpore.
Mrs. Smith.....“	“ McKenzie....“
Miss Waddingham...Bareilly.	“ Honeybone...“
“ Thompson.....“	“ De Souza....“
“ E. Thompson....“	“ Croft.....“
“ Durand.....“	Mrs. Grant.....Roi Bareilly.
“ Parnell.....“	“ Kirwin.....Shahjehanpore.
Mrs. M. Turner.....“	“ Butterfield...Budaon.
Miss Geddens.....“	“ Goodwin.....“
“ Heming.....Lucknow.	

MATRONS.

Cawnpore—Mrs. Jackson; *Budaon*—Mrs. Butterfield; *Bijnour*—Mrs. Rogers; *Paori*—Mary W. Greenwald; *Moradabad*—Mrs. Alexander; *Lucknow School*—Mrs. Smith; *Lucknow Home*—Mrs. Crawshaw; *Bareilly*—Miss O'Callegan; *Naini Tal*—Mrs. Beaumont.

ROHILKUND DISTRICT.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS FANNIE SPARKS,	MISS FANNY M. ENGLISH,
MISS MARY CHRISTIANCY, M. D.,	MISS CLARA A. DOWNEY.

MARRIED LADIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. E. W. PARKER,	MRS. M. E. GILL,
MRS. N. L. ROCKEY,	MRS. W. S. BARE,
MRS. F. W. NELD.	

An official report of Rohilkund District includes work in Bijnour city and district; Moradabad city and village, and medical work; Budaon city and district; Bareilly city, orphanage, district and medical work, and Shahjehanpore. This must, of course, be a report of simply a few facts and statistics, though the largest and best cultivated part of our work in India.

Bijnour work has been under the efficient care of Mrs. N. L. Rockey, assisted by Mrs. Worthington and Miss Torndorf. The boarding school year closed with 55 pupils. The health of the girls has been usually good, with the exception of chills and fever. Most of the classes have done well in their studies. The girls have done their own mending, sewing and knitting as usual. During the short time that the cotton is ripening a party of merry girls were seen every afternoon gathering in the little field "white for the harvest." Eight of the girls have united with the Church, and many of the older girls have grown stronger in Christian life. Twelve are enrolled as probationers. Five have gone to the city every Sabbath to assist in the Sunday schools. In the city and district work, a few among the higher classes of Hindoos and Mohammedans have been called to their homes, so that we have 10 pupils reading Urdu and Hindu. In one Hindoo family was found a young widow who had learned to read when a child. She has read St. John's Gospel and Pilgrim's Progress. The pupils in this house show great interest in the hymns and Bible lessons. In one of the afternoon visits of the Bible teacher she found the nephew of the widow very ill. He was a boy six years old. The mother could not read. On entering, the father and mother were seated close to the little bed on the floor. After singing and telling the child how Jesus blessed and healed the sick, the father said: "Miss Sohiba, if you will pray for our boy he will get well. We knelt by the little bedside while the mother and aunt stood in the middle of the room, with their heads turned from us. The next day we called, the boy was better, and the happy father, clasping his hands, said: "Your prayers did much good." In the mohullas about 200 families are visited weekly. Often there will be a crowd of 20 or 30 listening to our stories and songs. Instruction is given in scripture, history and "line upon line." Three of the Mohammedan day schools have improved very much. The average attendance in the five schools is 90. The zenana paper has been distributed to the teachers and to the Mohammedan pupils in the zenanas. In the villages and surrounding cities the religious destitution is pitiful.

Najihabad, a large city, has one Christian woman—a native pastor's wife. The two Mohammedan schools have 50 girls. They teach the Catechism, Lord's Prayer and Christian Songs. This Christian woman visits the women, and tells them the good news of salvation. In another the native pastor's wife works faithfully among the women; she finds many inquirers. Five have been baptized. One Chamar woman has been baptized.

In *Bashti* and surrounding villages the report of the work is very interesting. The Bible readers, Lois Judd and Milly Phelps, report: "As the number of Christian families is large, our chief work is to teach religion to them. We also go to preach among the Hindoo and Mohammedan women, who listen attentively. Many Christian women adhere to the right path. Some of weak principles are becoming strengthened. May God help them. They live in villages which are two or three miles apart. Sunday schools are held

in places where we teach. The district work is large, requiring frequent visits from a Missionary. We have not been able to visit all the workers. Owing to the claims of the boarding school and the city, only a few of the neighboring stations have been visited. One mala was attended."

In *Moradabad* Mrs. Parker reports: "The work in every department is doing well. In the Moradabad Christian Girls' Boarding School, we closed the year with ninety-eight girl boarders, and twelve day scholars, making 110 in all. One of these is a Hindoo girl from the city. All the girls were present with few exceptions when school opened. This promptness was no doubt due to a promise made by Mrs. Gill, before vacation, that whoever returned most promptly should have a nice present from a Christmas box that Mrs. Parker had written was on the way. No one was disappointed, for the boxes were full of beautiful things. The new organ came in also for its share of praise and thankfulness. There are sixteen girls' schools in the city, and we have work in 160 houses and thirteen mohallas. We have some nice, good girls who help us very much. Two of the school girls have gone to the Lucknow school. Our work has been greatly interrupted by sickness, but we have only lost two of our girls. One died of scrofula, a great sufferer, and Clara Louisa Mason, who died of fever, came to us one year ago from a heathen home where even now is a heathen mother. She seemed fully to understand what it meant to be a Christian. In her delirium, when medicine was given her, she would put her hands together as if to return thanks just as she had been taught to do after meals. During her last vacation, her husband, to whom she had been married when a child of only six or seven years, tried to sell her for money. He said he had no other use for her now she had become a Christian, that he meant to have the money he could get for her. She escaped his hands, however, and we like to feel that the Lord took her to save her from the wretched life she would have had as the wife of this wicked man. The girls have made good progress in needlework. There has been an advance over previous years in the number of girls we are able to keep over fourteen and fifteen years of age. We feel the people are learning what they owe to their daughters. The religious meetings are seasons of great help to us all. Mr. and Mrs. Fieldbrave are stationed here. These two workers were children when Mrs. Parker first went to India. Mrs. Fieldbrave is a great help in the woman's work. As the work increases, the workers are multiplied. Miss Simpson, one of the young ladies from Miss Easton's school, will take a department in our school this year that heretofore we have found it difficult to fill. Mrs. Smith has charge of the zenana work.

"We greatly miss our Dr. Christiancy and Miss Downey, who have been transferred to Bareilly. Our Chapel is filled on Sunday with Christians. In the mohallas some Christian women are learning to read. Several Chamar mohallas have been regularly visited, some at irregular intervals by the Missionaries and all the helpers as opportunity offered. We always have eager audiences of women to listen to us. We have had four women at two rupees a

month engaged in village work, and having good success. One of the girls married out of our school is in this work; we found her visiting some of the best families in the large village where she lives, and they listen with interest to her as she reads the New Testament and sings the bhajans. She also visits some Chamar mohullas, where crowds gather to hear her talk and sing. She tells them of the love of Jesus.

"The medical work in Moradabad has been carried on by Jane Plummer, the native doctor, assisted by Susan Khan. There has been much sickness, and the outside poor have received much attention in the dispensary and at their homes, hence the large number reported treated. Medicines have been given to the native preachers in every direction, both in the Moradabad and Amroha districts, and has been a great help. The dispensary is known as a Christian institution, and women come to be taught Christian truth as well as for medicine. Number of patients during the year, 10,126; number of prescriptions, 15,647.

In Budaon the zenana workers carry the gospel to all parts of the city, and are kindly received. The women freely purchase Christian books. There are three hundred girls in our day schools in Budaon, and the elements of Christianity, as embodied in our church catechism, are thoroughly memorized by these pupils. They remain about three years in these schools. One of these schools has fifty pupils, and is very popular among the higher grades of the Hindu community. The Sunday schools swarm with girls. We have now in these schools nine hundred girls. The numbers are only limited by the smallness of the force of workers. The Girls' Boarding School has forty boarders and ten day scholars. All the older girls are members of the Church, and are living consistent Christian lives, and the smaller ones recognize Christian devotion as the normal way. The education is in the vernacular, as little attention is paid to English. The school is emphatically a happy family. They are taught the elements of vocal and instrumental music by Miss Goodwin. The zenana work of the circuit is growing in interest and influence.

"In Bisauli Circuit there are three Girls' Schools. They sing hymns and attend Sunday school.

"In Bilsli Circuit there are three places where zenana work is done. Some of the women who can read are very much interested. In Bilsli, on every side of the mission house, are several different classes of people. The women are very friendly and interested in the Christian religion, especially the Chamars."

Of the orphanage work in Bareilly, Miss Sparkes reports about 300 girls in family, and the educational work has never been more satisfactory than this year. Good, earnest work has been done, both by pupils and teachers; and what might have been a very hard year for the Superintendent, has been made comparatively easy by the help so cheerfully given by all. Thirteen of the girls have married during the year, and one has gone to her Heavenly Home. Miss English, who went a year ago to Bareilly to help Miss Sparkes in the orphanage, is rapidly acquiring the language. She says, "Of all the work I

have seen in India, none impresses me more with its responsibility and usefulness than this orphanage work. These native children saved from heathenism are truly brands plucked from the burning." The fruit of the last winter revival is being gathered. Forty of the girls have been taken into full membership in our church. Miss Sparkes has been training some of the girls to camp life and village work; she has reason to believe these visits resulted in great good. She says it did the girls good, not only those who went, but those who staid at home and pledged themselves to pray for God's blessing upon the special efforts being made. The girls came back rejoicing that they had been saved from the worship of idols and taught to trust for salvation in Jesus. The zenana work in Bareilly and Bareilly District covers a large area. The report shows 266 zenanas visited, 7 Bible readers, 3 assistants, 66 women learning needlework, 686 women in the cities and villages under instruction, 450 Mohammedans and 150 Hindus, 6 day schools for girls and 165 scholars. The good words spoken have found lodgment in some hearts. Miss Downey, who went to India one year ago, has been appointed to this work. Bareilly medical work is now under the care of Miss Christianity, M. D., with three assistants. The number of patients treated during the past year in dispensary: Hindoos, 4,608; Mohammedans, 1,584; Christians, 513; Europeans, 10. In hospital: Christians, 39; Mohammedans, 29; Hindoos, 25; Europeans, 5; English, 4. Outside patients treated in one hundred different homes which involves several hundred visits. The statistics seem a poor expression of the work accomplished or the labor performed. Many poor, suffering women and children have been relieved, and we are quite sure that if those who, twelve years ago, gave so liberally of their means toward building this hospital, were to see how much comfort it has brought to hundreds of women who in their own homes have known only hardship and privation, they would be more than satisfied with the investment.

In *Khera Bajhera* the native pastor reports three schools. One is among the Chumars and has boys and girls both.

In *Datagunge* there is work in about twenty houses, in all of which the Scriptures are read, and the women listen gladly.

In several places, especially *Merganj*, *Shiapur* and *Sivali*, there has been great progress. The most encouraging thing this year is that eighteen women, having believed on Christ, have received baptism. In the Mohammedan schools the girls learn to read and write and count. They learn the Bible and catechism. The girls learn their lessons with great pleasure. The average attendance of girls is 66.

Shahjehanpore, Mrs. Bare, Superintendent: They have five Bible readers, one zenana worker and two school inspectresses, and twelve non-Christian teachers. Though for six months we have only had one zenana visitor, the work has not been neglected, for the five Bible readers continued their work as usual. We have secured Mrs. Kirwin as visitor, and she, with the five Bible readers have visited 150 zenanas regularly, beside reading the Scriptures, sing-

ing hymns and praying in their homes. The women are delighted to see them, and invite them to make longer visits. There are six Mohammedan day schools and six for Hindu children. The number of pupils enrolled, 240. The children receive religious and secular education, and are being fitted for happy, useful lives. Two of the school girls have been married lately, and the zenana visitor has instructed them in their new homes. There is a Sunday school in each of these day schools. A collection is taken weekly or monthly. Sometimes it is only a few pennies, but every little helps, and in this way heathen children are taught to give a little toward missions. There are weekly meetings for the instruction of native Christian women and Bible readers.

At *Panahpore, Tilhur, Pawayan* and *Jalahabad*, there are seven day schools and an equal number of Sunday schools. Seven Bible readers are employed and a successful course of zenana visiting kept up.

SUMMARY.

Missionaries	5
Missionaries, Parent Board	4
Assistants	15
Bible women	66
Zenanas visited	892
Women under instruction	1,645
Girls in orphanage	270
Boarding schools	4
Pupils	268
Day schools	65
Pupils	1,454
Patients in zenanas	422
Treated in dispensary	16,623
Treated in hospital	78
Prescriptions	26,647

AMROHA DISTRICT.

The work in Amroha district is under the care of the native Presiding Elder's wife, Mrs. Zuhur-ul Haqq. It embraces work in ten places, and is carried on by twenty-two Bible women and teachers. Mrs. Haqq says: "During the year I have personally visited every charge in this district, and examined every girls' school. I have seen the workers both in the cities and in the villages, and have taught God's word wherever I have had opportunity. Oh, that the day may soon come when many of my Hindoostani sisters will join their voices with mine in crying, 'All glory to Jesus!'"

OUDH DISTRICT.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS I. THOBURN,	MISS L. E. BLACKMER,
MISS S. A. EASTON,	MISS PHOEBE ROWE,
MISS FLORENCE NICKERSON,	MISS EMILY L. HARVEY,
MISS ESTHER DEVINE,	MISS MARY REED.
MISS LAURA HYDE, M. D.	

MARRIED LADIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. J. C. LAWSON,	MRS. A. R. JOHNSON,
MRS. S. KNOWLES,	MRS. P. M. BUCK.

This sterile field has for years tested the faith of the Missionary, equal work in Rohilkund yielding a ready harvest, while the Missionaries in Oudh worked on, thankful for the tokens of promise, and praying earnestly for the day of the Lord's power. During the last year extraordinary indications of the presence and power of the Spirit have been apparent, and the redemption of these millions draweth nigh. The Lucknow Boarding School has enjoyed the greatest prosperity ever known in its history, in regard both to numbers and educational advancement. The buildings have been enlarged and improved; a new organ bought, which the girls are helping to pay for. Through Mr. Craven, a fine addition has been made to the library, the gift of the London Tract Society. The girls continue their Home Mission work, taking part in teaching the Mahommedan Sunday schools. They have organized a Missionary Society among themselves, including, with themselves, most of the old pupils, who have gone to homes and work of their own. The Superintendent, absent most of the year on account of ill-health, writes, after her return :

"With Miss Rowe in charge, there is little to fear for the school, but something for her, as she is in the danger of overworking that any conscientious person must be when alone in that situation. I could see all the wheels were running smoothly; that peace and love were in the very atmosphere; that the girls were growing in grace as well as stature and knowledge. You will be disappointed to hear that the candidates for the entrance examination, who were examined in April, did not pass in mathematics, though doing well in other studies. The mathematics was unusually difficult, and I would like to see the papers given our girls placed before some of our American schools and colleges. The girls at once asked to try again next year, and are supporting themselves while taking up the new books required for the next examination. Three girls have gone to teaching this year, one going to Dwarahath to assist Mrs. Waugh. Several have been sent to the school from other Missions to be prepared for zenana teaching, and these, with our own under training, form a very promising normal class. At the beginning of the year, when Miss Rowe was appointed to Lucknow, we hoped to do some district

work in Eastern Oudh, where there have been such manifestations of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, but my absence has prevented that so far, but we hope still, with the cool weather, something may be done."

In the nine city schools work has been carried on without marked changes; while there have been but nine day schools, twelve Sunday schools have been maintained. Twenty-four voluntary workers are engaged in this service. One item of interest in connection with the year in Lucknow is the introduction, by Miss Nickerson, of Bible teaching in the Government schools, in connection with the zenana work in the houses and mohullas. Ten Bible readers and six assistants have been employed, under Miss Nickerson's supervision. The numbers taught have increased, many children have been permitted by their parents to learn the Catechism, one bright eight-year old girl reciting it all, her satisfaction only equalled by the pride of her parents. Not only in the zenanas, but to those sitting in the doorways, standing by the wayside, or gathered under the trees around the teacher, the truths of the Gospel have been taught, and because of this teaching some souls have gone home to heaven rejoicing, others have found in their sorrow and care what it is to have a Comforter and a Burden-Bearer. Of the 1,070 women instructed in Lucknow, 675 are Mohammedans and 365 are Hindoos.

The Home for Homeless Women has been fairly successful. Twenty-eight women and eight babies are being cared for. Four returned to their friends, two are employed as nurses, two were married, and one ran away. The money received from subscriptions, and from sales and orders for work, have met the current expenses. In addition to the care of the Home, Miss Blackmar fills the place of Treasurer, and also editor of the zenana paper.

Cawnpore.--The North India Conference appointed five ladies to the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in Cawnpore--Misses Easton and Harvey to the English school, Miss Hyde to the medical work, and Misses DeVine and Reed to zenana work. Miss Reed's health failed, and she was sent to the hills, spending the hot months at Pithoragarh, trying to study the language and get well at the same time. She returned to her work the first week in September, feeling quite restored, and very thankful that she still had a place to serve. Miss DeVine found difficulty in procuring assistants, and altogether the year was a hard one; but with additional help, the prospects for vigorous work are very good. Sixty zenanas are under instruction beside the ghat and mohulla work. Nine city schools are in good running order, and in connection with each a prosperous Sunday school.

The medical work under Dr. Hyde has met with most abundant success. With health fully restored, she has not missed a day, and her hand with its healing power has opened many closed doors to the zenana visitor. She is crowded with work, and her services are deeply appreciated, not only by the women and girls she helps, but by their friends and relatives. Dr. Hyde thinks that more good can be done in Cawnpore by house to house visiting

than by establishing a hospital, as she meets not only the patients, but has access to the homes.

The dedication of the new church in Cawnpore was a "red letter day" in the Mission history, in which all branches of the Mission work was represented. Since then a gracious revival of religion has been in progress, and members of our schools have been numbered among the converts.

The English Girls' High School, with its efficient Superintendent and assistant, has had a prosperous year in one sense and one of trial in another. In August the Ganges overflowed its banks, doing much damage to the property. Such rains as came this year are unknown in India, and very serious losses have been the consequence. Miss Eaton says :

"But what are material losses and disappointments when we count the blessings on the other side. We have had peace within our borders, growth in Christian character, the presence of the King. If no work surpasses ours in care and labor, none is brighter with the flowers that promise early fruit. Nor do we feel that we are not a part of the Mission force because we work for those who have never been heathen. If these young people are not trained into aggressive Christians, environed as they are, they will lapse into practical heathenism. To us, as to others, the command is given, 'Sow beside all waters,' and we sow in faith, persuaded that the harvest will be garnered with joy. The Master hath promised."

Miss Harvey has proved a great blessing to the school. Recent letters from Cawnpore tell of a gracious revival of religion. The meetings were conducted by Rev. Stone, of Bombay, in which many of the girls from the English school were numbered among the converts.

At *Unao* a very interesting work is carried on by Mrs. Burge and one Bible woman. Three Sunday schools and eighteen zenanas are carefully visited and instructed. A granddaughter of Mrs. Burge, eleven years old, visits the schools and teaches the Catechism and hymns to the girls with much zeal and earnestness—perhaps the youngest worker in the Mission field. *Unao* is the headquarters of a district containing nearly a million of people.

Seetapore.—Here the work of reaching the women and girls has made most rapid progress. Work is carried on at five different points, and with its various departments, zenana work, boarding and day schools, Sunday school and district work, village and mala visiting forms a great part in the work of evangelization. Mrs. Lawson has most energetically prosecuted the work, and reports increase in every direction. There are now six day schools, ten Bible women, one zenana teacher, and a very flourishing little boarding school of thirty-six bright, industrious girls. Mrs. Lawson is training these girls specially for Christian work—not only to be the centers of Christian homes, but also to be efficient laborers in the Master's vineyard. The Sunday school work in Seetapore Circuit is very flourishing. Eighteen schools have been largely attended, and a wide dissemination of gospel truth is the result.

In *Hurdui* five Bible women carry on an extensive zenana work under charge of Mrs. Joel, the native pastor's wife. There are also ten girl's schools. At *Shahabad*, twelve miles distant, a very promising zenana work has been opened. Four Bible women are employed at *Barabunki* and *Daryabad* twenty-six new houses opened, two flourishing schools, and from each a girl, during the last year, who had learned of Christ went home to heaven, to be with Him forever. The Sunday schools here are very well attended. The *Roi Bareilly* work has been very encouraging; more than 200 women are under regular instruction. Four day schools and thirteen Sunday schools have been well attended. The Sunday school work is especially successful. In *Baraich* there are two day schools where forty-five girls are regularly taught. Five Bible women care for and instruct 180 women. The Sunday schools are attended by both girls and women. They are kindly received by Mohammedans, Hindoos and Bengalis, and the gospel truths seem to be taking root. Some wish to test the truth, and say, "When we know that you are saved from sin, then we will believe your religion is from God." *Gondah*, with its four outlying stations, *Ellenpur*, *Nawabgunge*, *Colonelgunge* and *Bulrampore* offers a field of more than usual interest this year on account of the marvelous work that has been wrought of God within this circuit. In *Gondah*, three Bible women carry the gospel to 341 women, and the Word of Life is joyfully received. Two schools at *Ellenpur* are kept up, and the Bible woman who is also a medical woman, visits thirty zenanas. Harriet Fisk at *Colonelgunge*, visits sixteen zenanas and superintends two girls' schools where scriptural knowledge and hymns are taught. Forty houses in *Nawabgunge* are visited by the Bible woman, who reports souls inquiring the way of salvation. *Bulrampore* is a new station some eighteen miles from the *Devi Patan mala*, and from which some converts were won, among whom a noted leader of an important body of Hindoos. One of his female disciples heard the gospel with gladness, and became a believer in Jesus Christ. All through this district the fields are white to the harvest, and as from all parts of this crowded district, the cry to the home churches is "come over and help us."

The attendance in Sunday schools in Oudh is 9,000.

SUMMARY.

Missionaries.....	9
Married ladies in charge of work.....	4
Teachers in English school.....	6
Assistants.....	8
Bible women.....	52
Medical Bible women.....	1
School teachers, day schools.....	41
Boarding Schools.....	3
Pupils in same.....	210
Day schools.....	36

Day school pupils.....	766
Zenanas visited.....	1,201
Women under instruction.....	2,880
Home for Homeless Women	1
Inmates during the year.....	28
Sunday schools.....	52

KUMAON DISTRICT.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS E. L. KNOWLES,

MISS HETTIE MANSELL.

Married lady in charge of work—MRS. J. W. WAUGH.

The work of the Society in Kumaon District is not confined to the four central stations—Dwarahat, Pithoragarh, Paori and Naini Tal—but extends to many adjacent villages. In all of this region the work is very largely carried on by native assistants. In *Paori* we have Mrs. Whitby and Miss Cumberland, valuable assistants. In the Girls' Orphanage at Paori, forty-seven orphans are cared for, among them many bearing well-known and honored names of our Missionary women scattered up and down this land. That they bear them not unworthily the following statement by one of the teachers assures us: "Our girls are all very good, all love the Lord, and, I believe, are trying to follow the Savior. They give gladly a few pice a month from their earnings to the Missionary Society, and this year ten rupees have been collected in our regular monthly Missionary meetings." Six have married, and only one who will not make a Christian home.

The village work is not as encouraging here as in the plains, where there are *homes* to visit. Here, in this hill region, the women serve as beasts of burden, toiling early and late, carrying wood and grass, or tilling the fields. They rarely find time to listen to tidings of another life, and inclination to learn asserts not itself when overcome by weariness. Still, as one of the assistants passes on her way through all the villages, accompanied gladly by a few of the larger girls of the orphanage to help in singing, they are always welcomed, and respectfully treated. There are three village schools around Paori; average, about twenty pupils.

At *Dekhwali* a new school has been started this year, by Jyoti, an efficient Bible woman, who also visits five villages near.

DWARAHATH.

Missionary—MRS. WAUGH, with two medical Bible readers, and two teachers.

Mrs. Waugh writes last month: "There are now seventeen in the boarding department of the school. The boarding school at Lucknow has furnished

recently a teacher, Lui Boyd, who is a valuable assistant. Then, there are two of the older of the school girls, who are in the village work. They have finished the course of study, are the pupil teachers, go with the Bible women on their rounds, also go to their homes each week, and give them valuable instruction. The girls are happy in the work, and very useful. Some of the women taught are poor widows, who would starve to death were it not for the help they receive from our Mission. Their improvement is wonderful, and their gratitude great. Miss Thoburn writes of them, that 'so great is the improvement of the children taught, one could scarcely believe they belonged to the same race as the uncared-for heathen around them. Here the village work is also tranneled; woman has not the seclusion of the zenanas with its idleness and quarrels, but the lot of a field-worker, its incessant toil. Here, also, the girls are bought and sold in marriage; and plurality of wives, with extremely lax views in regard to marriage relations, and absolutely no favor from the laws, make woman's life yet more full of bitterness than in many other districts.'"

PITHORAGARH.

Miss Budden, who has been connected with the Home for Homeless Women ever since its formation, and whose devotion to its interests is well known, and her success a bright spot in our Mission work, is now in New York, under the care of a physician; and her heart is filled with gratitude as the prospect brightens for her immediate return to her beloved children in the Lord with greatly renewed health and strength. This Home, which is doing so necessary and so useful a work, has now under its care fifteen once unfortunate women, twelve of whom have become Christians, three of them having received baptism this year. When the farm work is not too pressing, the day school is maintained. Four of the women are reading the Gospel in Hindi. Some of them are very eager to learn, carrying with them their books when carrying water or wood, and asking of those whom they meet the pronunciation and meaning of difficult words. In the school of twenty-four pupils the improvement has been marked. Bachuli, one of the first girls that entered the boarding school from the girls' day school, is now with her husband, who is a graduate of the Bareilly Theological School, at work among her own people.

Tidings from the Pithoragarh Boarding School, of twenty-two girls, is eagerly sought for by many who are spiritually and financially interested therein. A very satisfactory improvement in habits and character is reported. In the Sunday school, composed of women and girls, one hundred and thirteen names are enrolled.

BHARBAR.

In the two schools for girls in this circuit seventy pupils, some heathen some Christian, receive instruction. Not only do they learn reading, but sewing, knitting and housekeeping. Florence Gowan, wife of the preacher in

charge, is the principal teacher, assisted by five native teachers and Bible women. In the Taro the work is new. It is an extremely malarious region, with a population of 250,000 people, mostly Mohammedan. So unhealthy is it, that a large proportion of the children die in infancy, consequently there are no schools, and very few of the common people can read. Personal teaching must be our only agency for good, tracts and books being useless. They have no caste, and do not seclude their women, but our Missionaries in their efforts are greatly restricted owing to the isolation of the people. The women listen with interest, enjoy the singing, receive the prescribed medicines gratefully, but no decided progress can yet be reported.

NAINI TAL.

An English Girls' High School, zenana work and native girls' schools have all a place in the Christianizing agencies here. The high school, known as the Slater High School for Girls, is under Government patronage, and is a school of excellent grade. Thirty-two pupils have enjoyed its benefits this year, some of them the daughters of South India preachers, who receive most meagre support. The purchase of this fine property here has given a stability and permanance to the school, which has added greatly to its favorable prospects. The Mission band in the school, last year, supported a girl in Miss Thoburn's school at Lucknow, and had quite a fund remaining. Miss Knowles has had many discouragements, but rejoices now in the prospect of great future usefulness. Miss Mansell is her valued assistant. Mrs. Moore, the Bible woman, has about forty women under her instruction and that of her two assistants. The singing of hymns, a prayer, replies to questions concerning Christ, are mingled with the teaching of plain and fancy work. Three schools, with an attendance of forty pupils, have been carried on this year; also special teaching on the Sabbath.

The English work is very satisfactory, and is self-supporting, and the efforts put forth for the natives' enlightenment meet with encouragement and appreciation, and the results will be for the glory of our Redeemer.

SUMMARY.

Missionaries	2
Married ladies in charge of work.....	1
Assistants	6
Bible women.....	12
Medical women	2
Teachers in English school.....	4
Teachers, Christian.....	20
Teachers, non-Christian	3
Pupils in village schools.....	208
Pupils in city schools	40
Pupils in boarding schools.....	45
Orphans in orphanage	47

SOUTH INDIA.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS M. E. LAYTON, Calcutta.

MISS M. C. HEDRICK, Calcutta.

MISS ELLEN WARNER, Rangoon.

MISS M. MCKESSON, Rangoon.

MISS JULIA WISNER, Rangoon.

The South India Conference includes all the territory of India not embraced in the North India Conference, and has authority to divide into two conferences, with such names and boundaries as the parties interested may appoint, so that the day is not far distant when India will doubtless have three conferences. In Calcutta, a city with more than half a million of inhabitants, Methodism is strongly intrenched, with its large English church crowded with interested listeners. Its Bengali and Hindustani churches, its seamen's work and school work, make it a location of more than ordinary interest. Here the girls' school, in charge of Miss Layton, assisted by Miss M. C. Hedrick, is carried on most successfully. The new school building in which our teachers and scholars hope to gather is nearing completion, and will be formally opened in January, 1886. Its location is near the church. It is a brick structure, made of the most substantial material all through; is three stories high, sixty feet wide, one hundred and fifty-seven feet long, and will accommodate one hundred boarders. Miss Hedrick writes:

"We are in much trouble just now over the money, teachers, furniture, and in fact everything. Owing to the threatened war with Russia, the Government cancelled the grants made for 1885, thus leaving us in a desperate strait. The grant was 33,000 rupees. We very much want American desks, but how to get them is another question. The school numbers fifty-eight boarders and ninety-eight day scholars. I have an entrance class of four. Among these girls there are twenty natives, a number of pure Europeans, and the rest Eurasians."

Dr. Thoburn asks for \$2,500 to help meet the emergency caused by withdrawal of grant. "We are sorely pressed," he says, "and appeal once more to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to help us in our hour of need." At Poona, Khandawa, Allahabad, and for Madras, Burmah and Calcutta districts, money is asked for native work, an equal amount being pledged on the spot. A lady is asked for Madras, another for Lahore, two ladies for Singapore, one for Bangalore, and one to take Miss Layton's place in Calcutta. It will be seen that South India stretches her arms from afar, and opens many doors for woman's work.

Rangoon, is the most distant outpost of the South India Conference, and has a population of 145,000. Owing to Miss Warner's disability with a broken arm, Mr. Robinson, Presiding Elder of Burmah District, reports:

"The school continues to enjoy a steady tide of prosperity. The blessing of the Lord has rested on this enterprise from the first in a marked manner. In all the details the guiding hand of the good Lord has been plainly manifest.

In the eligible site given us, in the exceptionally large building grants furnished by the local government and municipality, in the teachers sent us, we have good proof that the Lord was at the helm all the way through. The \$1,000 sent by the Northwestern Branch to help us pay the indebtedness incurred by adding a wing to the large school building, an enlargement made necessary by increase of pupils, came just in time. It will not be long until we will have to "arise and build" again. The school prospers financially. From the first the Committee has carefully economized, aiming always at a self-supporting management, which has been secured with Miss Warner's careful control and willing co-operation. You will be glad to learn that in the revival meetings held in our church lately, in which over eighty persons were converted, a number of the school girls came out brightly, and have been received on probation. Out of this school we will get valuable Christian workers. It is a Missionary school. Last Sunday I baptized the Burmese teacher attached to the school. He promises well. All his relations are strict Buddhists. The population of British Burmah is over 4,000,000, three-fourths of whom are yet evangelized. The province is one of the richest in the Indian Empire. The Burmese are much better off than the natives of India. There is no caste, and women are as accessible as men. Buddhists are extremely bigoted; but few comparatively have been converted as yet in Burmah. The Gospel has had the greatest success among the Karans, who are mountain tribes, and not Buddhists, but nature worshippers."

The outlook in this promising field of the South India Conference is one that cannot fail to touch the heart and open the purse of those who see the day of the Lord's triumph drawing near. The demand that comes to us from all directions; the workers God is raising up on the soil of India; Singapore, the "eye" of southeastern Asia, where mission influence might send out light among the 100,000,000 of Malaysia, beckons, "Come over and help us." Lahore, at the opposite side of the Conference, 3,500 miles away, makes the same plea. With good omens everywhere, with God on the helping hand, surely our church and our society should not hesitate to go in and possess the land.

BOMBAY.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS SARAH M. DELINE.

MISS MARY J. ELLIOTT.

ASSISTANTS.

MISS SWANTHI POWERS,

MISS SARAH CASSIDY,

MISS BELLCHAM.

At the date of our last annual report our first Missionary to this, the largest city of India, was on her way across the sea. To-day, as we review the work of the past year, its organization, its opportunities, we exclaim: "What hath God wrought!" A very warm welcome awaited Miss DeLine

from the Missionaries there, and assistance was proffered to the extent of their ability. The inauguration of Christian teaching by our ladies in the zenana homes seemed so stupendous an undertaking that Miss DeLine says, as she studied its needs and its immensity, she was overcome by a sense of responsibility, and, for a little time, really oppressed. "But I gave," she says, "all the care and responsibility into the hands of my Father, and He is taking care of it Himself." She was so fortunate as to secure for her native teacher a young lady, Miss Sawanthi Power, a beautiful and educated girl of excellent family and earnest piety. She had already done some zenana teaching, and had access to thirty-five homes. In some of those homes the women had learned a little English, and Miss DeLine was at once invited to two of them, one lady asking her to read the Bible and Pilgrim's Progress with her. Miss DeLine wrote home asking leave to employ Miss Powers as an assistant, also Miss Sarah Cassidy, who had been a successful worker in zenanas in North India. Leave was granted, and thus our zenana work began. An invitation to dinner in a home of wealth came soon, was accepted, and, Miss DeLine says, "we were wonderfully blessed and helped in talking of Christ." Through the agency of the two assistants about one hundred zenanas were open at once for their visitations. Some of the incidents attending these visits are very striking. One intensely bigoted Brahmin lady had a most insatiable thirst for knowledge, and was willing to read anything, even the Bible, if only she could perfect her English, although she had never permitted Miss Power to speak to her of Christianity, saying, "I know all about it; tell me nothing." Miss DeLine, to shock the lady's self-conceit, gave her "Walker's Plan of Salvation" to read. On visiting her the next week she stood a most excellent examination in fifty pages of the book, asked questions, and, on the next week's visit, she was found to have read all of the four gospels. Her attention was called to the leading facts of the gospels, and those facts given her as the subject of the next week's study. Her interest abated not, and she asked the visitor at the succeeding lesson to sing some Christian hymns.

A Bible woman, Kassie, had been employed by Mrs. Hard, and supported partly by the people of Bombay and partly by contributions from America. This work was placed in the hands of Miss DeLine as legitimately belonging to our Society, and two others beside Kassie are now employed in the Bible work. Miss DeLine has also desired to open a day school, where the scholars would pay a small tuition fee, and the expense be supplemented by our Society. Consultation with the Missionaries fixes the fact of its feasibility and great desirability, but no teacher is at hand. Miss DeLine will soon, if she does not already, hold every Saturday a children's meeting among the Methodist membership, and also institute a young ladies' class, expecting to procure therefrom, ere long, helpers.

Miss DeLine is studying the Marathi language, as it is the most in use in Bombay. She greatly desires an assistant, to be at the head of the Moham-

medan work, who can speak Hindostani. Then one for the Parsi work, speaking still another language. Mrs. Hard, of Khandwa, also asks for an assistant, to be employed there by our Society, and under Miss DeLine's direction.

A letter of very recent date speaks of the employment of Miss Belcham also in the zenana work. They are now visiting regularly in sixty homes, Miss DeLine going with her assistants in turn, and thus reporting regularly to her. Among those visited by Miss Power are several who, of late, eagerly inquire concerning Christianity, and are seeking Christ. Three desire to leave their homes and join the Christians, but that is not desired. Advancement is very noticeable, for when the visitors commenced, they were not allowed to read Scriptures in every house; now the Bible is read in every zenana, and in some places they ask for it at once. A number of women wanted Bibles for themselves; so, from a purchase of sixty-four Gospels, many were presented with them, and are intently studying the story of Jesus and His love. The class reached by the Bible readers is very different from those in the zenanas, being only the poor and the ignorant; two recent conversions are reported among them, and great is their need of a Gospel of light and a better life.

A foothold has also been secured in the very heart and stronghold of Mohammedanism. In a densely populated part of the city, the strange request from a Mohammedan man for a teacher to teach his wife Christianity, was answered by Miss Belcham. When leaving the house they were sent for to enter another house, where they found many women gathered, who listened intently to their words. The children in the street thronged about them, and could be readily gathered into a school. What a record for the first year of our work in that immense cosmopolitan city. Hopes and expectations have not only been fulfilled, but expected difficulties have vanished away, three trained unthought-of workers stood ready with even the keys of the prison doors in their hands, the learned and the unlearned would learn of Jesus, followers of the false prophet are seeking the true one, the lady in charge earnestly pleading for six or more helpers in this immense city, this centre of influence, where are found dwellers from every nation. From wards of squalor, from homes of luxury, comes the request, "Teach us of your Christ." What shall be our response?

CHINA. FOOCHOW.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS CATHERINE COREY, M. D., MISS CARRIE I. JEWELL,
MISS LIZZIE M. FISHER.

In many respects the work in Foochow for the year occasions gladness and gratitude. The war cloud that hung over it at our last report has passed

away, and the young women then on their way to that field of labor have been most blessed and efficient in their work. Miss Fisher writes:

"We are rejoicing in the Lord for the measure of success given us in our short year's work in school. There has been advance all along the line; increase of numbers and interest; a higher standard of scholarship, more correct classification, greater neatness in apparel and rooms, a higher moral standard, peace and love in all our relations, and, above all and promotive of all, an increased spirituality manifesting itself in the conversion of some, the quickened religious life of others, with a deeper interest in the work. Before our school disbanded for vacation, those who desired to do something for Jesus were supplied with Scripture text cards, with a personal word as to how to use them. All but two of our smallest children took these. One of the women in the Bible school, when I gave her twenty-five, said: 'There are so many people where I live, I can use more.' She is the wife of a theological student, just entered the last term, and has done splendidly. She has bound feet, but is willing to have them unbound, and before she went home I talked with her husband, and he was very anxious to have it done—but of course the parents have to be consulted. All of the bound-feet girls carried home letters from us asking that their feet might be unbound.

"Our school closed with most satisfactory examinations in Bible and Christian studies, in Chinese classics translated in the Foochow dialect, in English and in singing. These examinations were conducted by our most able Chinese preachers who highly commended them. We closed with thirty-eight in attendance and a number of applicants for next term. In writing of the success of the past year, it is with thankful hearts to our Father, from whom came the wisdom and strength and grace to do this work—and to Him shall be all the glory. While others were expressing surprise at the success of our first year and congratulating us, we wondered not, for we knew from whence it came. We knew of the many times when perplexed and weary and uncertain we knelt and implored His wisdom and guidance and strength, and they were given."

Mrs. Plumb writes of the Hing Hwa Bible School and of the schools in Ing Chung district: "The woman's school at Hing Hwa city has been in existence about six years, with an average attendance of twelve or sixteen for a course of two years, so that more than thirty Christian women have profited by the school since it was opened. The object has been to educate our Christian women in Christian truth, so that they might better fill the position of wives and mothers when such a small percentage of our female Church members knew enough to read a chapter in the Bible, and it was hoped that some woman might be found who would be suitable to employ as a Bible woman. In this we failed, but much good has been done. During our last trip of a month through Hing Hwa district I met several very bright, intelligent women among our members who had been in the school, and who were now at home, letting their little tapers shine bright and clear in their home circle, their own

church, and out into the surrounding darkness. There are at present in the district five day schools for girls, ranging from twelve to twenty in number. The majority of the pupils are from heathen families, and are not usually allowed to remain longer than until they are thirteen or fourteen years of age, for then they can be useful at home and marry early. This is, of course, a disadvantage, but all we can do is to teach them as thoroughly as possible the time they are in our hands, hoping thereby to lead them in the way of salvation, or to impress their parents with the desirability of sending them to our boarding school at Foochow. Some of them are very bright girls, and we covet them for our school here, where they can have the careful Christian training for which it has always been noted. When the bright dream is realized of having one of our young ladies set apart to give her time and energies wholly to the oversight of the country work for women and girls then will they become what they ought to be.

The sentiment on the subject of female education in China is in a sadly low state. In fact it scarcely exists at all except among Christians, and while this continues to be the case the work of educating women and girls of the church in China will be fraught with difficulties.

The medical work in Foochow has been subjected to a severe strain by it being devolved on Dr. Corey so soon after her arrival. But her faithfulness and devotion have won highest praise from her co-laborers, and the confidence and affection of the natives. She pleads most earnestly for a hospital in the very heart of the city for an associate and a trained nurse. As it is, the duties of hospital, dispensary and nursing have devolved on her until she is well nigh broken down under the burden. Dr. Corey writes :

"We cannot, dare not contract our work here. No ; I must see all that come, whatever the cost. My heart is sick and my ears sharpened instead of dulled by the pleading of the people. Had I simply wanted to practice medicine, because of the money in it, or the professional life, I would have stayed where both were offered me with more ease and larger emoluments. All the money in the Missionary treasury could not keep me in China one year did not the love of Christ constrain me. Indeed, I could not practice medicine at all did I not have a compassionate Christ on whom to lean hard. During a few weeks of illness, when my hands were folded, and I laid aside I had time to see that God was blessing my work, and that special signs of His favor rested upon it. But this medical work is but a means to an end, and as such I must not let anything stand in the way of successful work, for in a great measure my success in giving the Gospel to this people depends on my success in healing their bodies. If I go before and open the door and sow some seed by the way, God grant that other laborers may follow who can cultivate all the ground given. My soul longs for a helper who, day by day, can give the Gospel to my patients. The doors are wide open and I beseech you to help us to enter. I know the calls are many and the need great all the world over, but the opportunities for work now in Foochow are greater than ever be-

fore. The time has come to act. May the God of All Grace grant His blessing upon this place, and enable you to see its wants and supply its needs, for my heart is burdened with the great need of the people of Foochow."

NORTH CHINA.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS ANNIE B. SEARS,

MISS E. AKERS, M. D.,

MISS E. YATES.

MRS. C. JEWELL,

MISS C. M. CUSHMAN (Home on leave), MISS ANNA GLOSS, M. D.

No mission has been more faithfully and efficiently represented in some sections "at home" by one of its own devoted, enthusiastic Missionaries, and reports continued success in the field, although unable to develop and extend the work on account of reduction of forces.

The boarding school in Peking has averaged forty-two pupils in attendance, all doing well, with scarcely an exception. Among the older girls there has been a new spiritual life, and during the week following the "week of prayer" fifteen of the younger girls came to realize the forgiveness of their sins, and the sweet assurance that Christ dwelt in their hearts, and they have evinced a spirit of careful watchfulness that has been truly surprising in children so young.

School closed the last of June, with very satisfactory examinations, conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Walker, and the native helper. This new feature of these annual examinations gained great favor, and may result in the appointment at the annual meeting of a regular examining committee.

The beginning of an industrial department, referred to in the report of last year, has been doing something all the year. As there was no room to spare, no effort was made to procure looms for cloth-making. An hour a day has been devoted to sewing, by the smaller girls, and spinning thread by the larger ones. All the thread used in the family for the year has been made by the girls. One day school has been kept up for the year, with smaller attendance than last year but more satisfactory results. These children, who know so little of the comforts of life in their homes—where poverty, ignorance and filth abound—have been taught by the Holy Spirit, and some hearts have been opened to receive Him. Mrs Jewell writes to a friend :

"We have been having a wonderful—yes, truly wonderful—outpouring of the Spirit upon the Missionary workers in this city. Three members of the China Inland Mission held a ten-day meeting in this city in the spring, and their labors were owned of God. It seemed as if they came to us in answer to prayer. Many of the Missionaries had been feeling deeply the need of a power to reach this people. These laborers dwelt very largely on this theme : What the promise of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is to all believers. Their

labors were greatly blessed in quickening the spiritual life of, I may say, nearly every Christian in Peking, for when the foreigners began to get the "special anointing" they were not slow in carrying the news to the native church, and a general quickening impulse was the result. Another precious outgrowth of this revival has been a daily noon prayer-meeting held in each of the different missions. These meetings have had two special objects in view—first, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our own hearts; second, its mighty influences upon China."

The accounts given of this modern Pentecost are most thrilling, demonstrating most fully that this divine agency is as potent now, accomplishing as marvelous results in the hearts of the disciples as when the one hundred and twenty received its anointing in that upper room in Jerusalem.

A building site has been purchased in Tsun Hwa in the interests of our own society, of which Miss Sears writes: "Our new purchase of land lies adjacent to that of the Parent Board, and is a most desirable location. We are within about three minutes' walk of the southern gates of the city, within which is the Mission Chapel and residence of the native 'helper.' The city is in the midst of a level valley, the surrounding mountains distant from three to ten and twenty miles. The whole plain is dotted with villages, and clumps and groves of trees, presenting a lovely view from the city wall, while to the north, distant about seven miles, we can plainly trace the great wall climbing and creeping along the crests of the nearer ranges of mountains. The prospect is delightful, and the change to this pure, invigorating air from the foulness of Peking is exhilarating in the truest sense. I think a change from Peking to Tsun Hwa as a place of work would be almost as good as a health-trip home, unless the disease was home-sickness. This promises to be the most of a vacation I have had since coming to China, although we were obliged to bring some of our girls with us in order that we might come ourselves. We plan this for a real vacation; yet we hope and expect to find some opportunities, and specially to make as many friends as possible among our neighbors and those we may meet. The people seem quiet and kindly disposed, their most intense feeling being that of curiosity regarding us. But, oh! for the power to bring them to Christ! More and more do I feel the need of greater faith for them in those who try to work for Him here, for there is so much looking at it from the human side that makes it seem that our words are but idle wind—our work but fruitless beating of the air! But faith must triumph over this, and we shall have souls for our hire."

The Training School in Tientsin with its ten pupils continues to give promise of being an agency that will in the near future be very helpful in furnishing some native women who will be efficient as Bible women to go into the homes. Miss Yates writes:

"The work has been most gratifying. The progress made by these women in mind and spirit has given me great satisfaction. On Sunday I hold a class meeting with them. Some of the members are partakers of rich fellowship

and communion with Christ, while others are groping toward the light. But this precious heaven is working, and the whole will be permeated with its power and all will grow strong for the Master's service. The school was closed early in June, as some of these women had four hundred miles of travel by slow conveyance to reach their homes, and it seemed desirable that they might make the long journey before the roads were made impassable by the heavy rains. All, with one exception, have made good progress, and will return with the re-opening of the school in September. I retained one of them to assist me here as Bible woman, and one to help in the hospital during vacation. Although blind and ignorant in many ways, and erring often, yet they are really sincere followers of Christ. In their contact with the outside heathen I am most happy to note that they are not 'overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.' The work among the people generally was very encouraging during the spring and early summer. Since the excessive heat the attendance at the chapel is much less, as the people seem to prefer the shade of their mud roofs to a walk in the hot sun. One Sabbath in the spring we had ninety-four at Sunday School, sixty-four of whom were women and girls.

"The medical work has been most faithfully carried forward by Dr. Akers. Her report for one quarter shows that she has not been idle: Patients treated in dispensary, 709; prescriptions given, 1,610; out-patients, 113; visits, 173; homes visited, 51." She adds: "Good work has been done by one of the Training School women among the patients in the waiting-room, and a few—just a few of the suffering, stupid creatures—seem to have an interest in things eternal. One woman in particular, who is almost entirely blind, evinced a great deal of interest, and remained some time after she had been treated to talk about the 'doctrine.' But she is one among the many who think of nothing but the body's good; and I do not wonder, for they are really very wretched. The Mohammedans—one family especially—have been good listeners to the truth. I do not know how near it comes to touching the heart. There are a few Christians among the in-patients. One of the sweetest things I have seen in a long time was the little company of patients and other women and children about the hospital kneeling in prayer on the steps of the dispensary building the other night as I went out to look after a sick woman. The moonlight softened the lines, making them very beautiful to look upon; and my own heart softened as I remembered what a precious thing it was in the sight of God."

CENTRAL CHINA.

CHIN KIANG.

MISSIONARIES.

Miss M. C. ROBINSON,

Miss LUCY HOAG, M. D.

Of Chin Kiang we have a very short report, as Miss Hoag has been so occupied and unsettled that most of her letters are on the purchase of property

necessary for a Home and dispensary. The unsettled state of China for some time prevented our making any permanent investment in property, and now the difficulty seems to be to find a place that would be suitable at a reasonable price. We regret that through delay in communicating with Dr. Hoag we lost a very desirable offer made by the Consul, Mr. Jamieson, but circumstances beyond our control prevented the purchase. Miss Hoag writes we have five foundlings left by Miss Howe in Kiu Kiang. We have no yard for them to play in, so we have to buy a couple of bushel baskets and have a Coolie take them on his shoulders to the hills, while the nurse hobbles along on her little feet to accompany the children and care for them while they take their airing. These children are not very healthy, so we need to take double precautions. The poor sick Chinese crowd upon us in numbers so that I have no time for writing. Miss Robinson writes: "Dr. Hoag has not been home since 4 o'clock A. M. She is worn out with so much work. There has been so much sickness that she has had to ride all day for days together for the past few weeks. I am anxious about her, but the Lord will care for her I am sure. She is obliged to receive all her Chinese patients in our front hall, as she is finding some difficulty in renting a place for a dispensary, but she hopes to open up in new quarters soon. I would like to give you an idea of the grand work she is doing here. Everybody respects her highly, while those she helps almost worship her. She is always busy in some Mission work." Again Miss Hoag writes: "I have been employed as usual. Last month I rented a Chinese house for a dispensary and hospital at the rate of \$120 per year; I have to make the needed repairs. I am very glad to get it, as I have had to do my work in our only passageway; from January until April I had 195 patients and gave 257 prescriptions, but had a good deal of practice among the foreigners. I now charge a fee of twenty cash to all Chinese who wish to see me in the dispensary, and after that they have the medicine free in order that an inducement may be given them to hear the preaching; I like the plan well; we are busy and put in faithfully all the hours at command."

Miss Robinson has charge of the School and Home. They have six orphans in the Home. She says of the day school: "The pupils are learning beautifully. To-day at noon I heard them talking about the countries of Africa, Europe and Asia, pointing to maps on the wall. They study mental arithmetic, and all their studies are in Chinese, not any English, for as much as I would enjoy teaching my native tongue I think it would be useless time wasted unless they were to become teachers. I shall dismiss the present teacher at the close of the year and put my personal teacher in his place and be in the room myself as much of the time as possible. Each of the girls have knit a pair of stockings, woolen, and done some sewing. They keep their school room, and bed room, and bath room, in perfect order and cleanliness, and they enjoy the work vastly. Christmas day they had a royal time; they seem to be a very happy body of little folks. We have in our household twenty-eight, seven babies. I find my interest in these babies increasing all the time. They have their cunning, attractive ways,

and though they require much care we hope to raise them to be useful Chinese women. As I pass the nursery door I hear them singing 'Jesus Loves Me,' and our great desire is to manifest the love of Jesus. This work is comparatively new, but the prospect for success is more than we thought of in the beginning, and we hope to deserve the confidence of those who have placed such an important trust in our hands. The report from the Superintendent of the Chin Kiang mission is very satisfactory with regard to the work done by the ladies; expressing his desire that everything should be done to help them in their arduous labors.

"You will think we are asking large things; and so we are, but not larger than you would think necessary, were you here. I feel that this new school will be a great blessing to Wuhu and the neighborhood. We are much encouraged in our work. The congregations steadily increase in size; several persons have been baptized, and others have applied for admission into the church. I am sure you will rejoice with us in these encouraging tokens and join us in praying for an outpouring of the spirit on work and workers."

KIU KIANG.

An urgent plea for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to resume work in Kiu Kiang and send two ladies there, comes from the Superintendent of the mission, and it is hoped the coming year will see the work re-established.

Nankin also petitions for a share in the interest of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and the establishment of women's work in that important city.

WUHU.

In charge of work—MRS. J. C. JACKSON.

The building appropriated for last year to be used for a girls' boarding school is now under way, and the prospects are hopeful for a vigorous school work at this point. Mrs. Jackson asks for a Bible woman, and also pleads for more help. She says: "Our mission asks for a Home and two ladies to be sent to Wuhu; one a medical lady, the other to take charge of the school work, as the appointment of the missionaries is not permanent, and Mr. Jackson may be moved to some other part of the mission. It was thought best to ask for ladies at once. I need not say that I shall be glad to render any help in my power to the ladies in charge of your work, either in Wuhu or elsewhere. There is a fine opening here for medical work. Though we are two miles away from the city, there will be no need to leave home to find work. A dispensary or hospital built right here would never want for patients.

WEST CHINA.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS FRANCES WHEELER,

MISS GERTRUDE HOWE.

Miss Wheeler writes: "Gone, another year, with its joys and sorrows, successes and failures, hopes, disappointments and blessings, and yet are we spared to labor on in the vineyard, happy in the privilege of co-workership with the Master.

"About the middle of December our hearts were gladdened by the arrival of Miss Howe, with her four orphan girls, also Mr. and Mrs. Gamewell. Their coming brought with it new life and encouragement, of which we stood greatly in need. The narrow quarters to which we were reduced by so sudden an accession to our family was the occasion of no little inconvenience, and of necessity had to be endured several months before different arrangements could be made. Negotiations for the purchase of an adjoining lot were immediately set on foot, resulting in our gaining possession ere the close of January, by paying to the owner the sum of \$1,777. The intervening wall, and several buildings, were torn down, and the open space thus formed leveled off and adorned with trees and shrubbery as a play ground for the girls. It also serves the purpose of separating in part the school-house from our house, since as soon as the necessary repairs could be made the school was removed to the farther end of the compound, and their former accommodation fitted up for an orphanage. Between \$700 and \$800 have been expended on repairs and improvements during the year. This amount includes a small sum devoted to the renting and rendering habitable two or three rooms in an old temple, where we, with our children, are passing the hot summer months. The property owned by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in West China is worth nearly \$5,000.

"The school record for '85 contains the names of forty pupils, of which number nine have been removed by sickness, death and various other causes. The average attendance has been good, and fair progress made in study. General deportment is greatly improved, and a desire to do right apparently awakened. Three of the older girls have been taken on probation, and as far as we can tell, give evidence of being sincere Christians. Several others would gladly join the little band of believers, but lack sufficient faith and courage to enable them to brave the displeasure and persecutions of their people. Again, may I ask your prayers on their behalf?

"Last February one of the girls was sold into slavery by her father, and vain were all our efforts for her release until the case was carried before the magistrate. Through his influence she was soon restored to us, and, I believe, a happier child never lived than little Winnie when she found herself once more among her playmates and teachers. A similar attempt was made by the opium-smoking father of another pupil, but thanks to the old grandmother,

who, upon learning the designs of her son, concealed the girl in a neighboring house, meanwhile sending me an urgent request to take her under my protection. Accordingly the poor fugitive became a boarder, and for months never stepped outside the premises alone. The enlistment of her father as a soldier, and his departure from the city, ended her imprisonment.

"Our hearts were saddened soon after the new year by the loss of sweet little four-year-old Mary, the elder of the two adopted children, and the flower of the flock. A week later baby Bennie joined his sister in the happy land. I think their death has been the means of drawing us all nearer the Father.

"Scarcely a day passes without calls from the women. The school is a strong attraction. It is to be feared that the many came simply out of curiosity, but let us hope that among these visitors some may prove to be seekers after the pearl of great price. The Missionaries are co-laborers with us in this branch of work, and are indefatigable in their efforts to carry the message of salvation into the dark homes of our poor benighted sisters."

J A P A N.

TOKIO.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS M. A. SPENCER,

MISS M. J. HOLBROOK (Home on leave).

MISS A. P. ATKINSON.

MISS R. WATSON.

We have come to the close of another school year with renewed cause of gratitude to our Heavenly Father. The year has been one of peculiar trial through damage by tempest and illness of many of the pupils from epidemic disease, but what seemed dark and mysterious has been blessed to our good, and in no way has the prosperity of the school been disturbed; on the contrary the number of pupils is constantly increasing and many applicants for admission have been refused owing to lack of accommodations. The register shows ninety-five pupils in attendance during the year; of these twelve were day scholars. The present number is about eighty. Ten native teachers are employed. One death has occurred during the year—a girl from Yokohama, who entered the Home in October and was still on trial at the time of her death in December. Her disease was small-pox of the confluent type and she died at the Government Hospital in Thiba, her mother caring for her to the last. The poor child had been under religious instruction but a short time, and yet expressed her firm faith in the one true God. The young girl on probation at the beginning of the year has been baptized, and four conversions have occurred recently, making the number of professing Christians forty seven. There has not been any unusual work of grace in our midst this year, but a conscientious discharge of duty and unfaltering interest in all that pertains to the welfare of our Church or its progress here indicate a healthy growth in the

knowledge and love of God. A half hour is devoted to the study of the Bible every morning immediately after school opens, and even the smallest girls have quite a good knowledge of the four Gospels. There are eleven pupils receiving instruction on the cabinet organ, and a singing class begins the work of each morning.

Two Christian girls, whose promised term of years had expired, left us this year. One, O Tam San, had not completed the course of study, but her mother being an invalid, she was so much needed at home we could not urge a renewal of the contract. Her scholarship has been given to the sister of the native pastor in Tsukiji. There were no graduates this year in English, but the literary exercises at the close of the term were very interesting, as were also the etiquette and calisthenic exhibitions, in which the girls were much praised for their skill and grace. At no time since the repairs to the building were completed had the routine of the school been interrupted; the general good health of the teachers, regular attendance of those employed, their harmony of action in working for the interests of the school, together with the excellent course of study and strict Christian discipline enforced, have all combined to give the Tokio Home an excellent reputation; and the outlook for the coming year is very promising. Enlarged accommodations would give us increased facilities for usefulness; we are very much in need of extra dormitories, recitation rooms, etc.

The Tsukiji Sunday school continues to be well attended by men and women as well as children. The pastor teaches the men, and O Rujo San the women; two of our older girls have the infant schools, and there are several large classes beside the international lessons being strictly followed. On the second Sunday in June, children's day, the pupils from Kanda, Tamachi, Asakusa, Fukagawa and Watanabe San's schools were all gathered together in Tsukiji church, which had been prettily decorated with flowers, their own gift. An interesting programme was creditably carried out, and the collection, largely made up of small copper cash, one and a half tenths of a cent in value, amounted to four dollars and a half.

There are three day schools connected with our work, and two more are in contemplation for next year. The Tamachi work in Miss Atkinson's charge is in excellent condition. The day schools number 64 children, whose ages range from 6 to 12, and a scholarship in the Home has been offered as a prize to the little girl distinguishing herself at the next examination by being number one, provided her average is over 95. Two teachers have been employed during the year—both Christians. The Sunday school is more largely attended than ever before, and a preaching service is now held every Sunday evening; there are two applicants for baptism.

The Kanda day school is in Miss Watson's care. She reports thirty pupils. The teacher, a faithful Christian, died during the summer. Miss Watson has also the woman's Bible class in the Kanda Sunday school, while the younger children are taught by one of our girls.

Mrs. Bishop opened work at Fukagawa, instead of Kumagome, as was at first proposed. A good teacher has been secured for the day school, and the outlook is very encouraging.

The woman's meetings held at Kanda, Yotsuya and Tsukiji have been well attended and profitable. At the two former an hour is spent in religious exercises, and then one reads from an interesting book while the others knit or sew for an hour. They have disposed of a number of dolls, fancy bags and boxes, giving the net proceeds to the support of the church. The meeting in Tsukiji is a class-meeting, where the women pray and talk freely of their experience, and are surely making good progress in the divine life.

Several sociables, or union meetings, have been held during the year, alternately at Tsukiji and Kanda. At one of them, while the cake and tea were being enjoyed, O Mine San, Mrs. Bishop's Bible woman, lighted a stick of incense, and, passing it all around, had each one recite a verse of Scripture while holding it in her hand. This she repeated until the women had recited all the texts they knew.

One morning a week has been devoted to Japanese visiting, with a view to becoming better acquainted with the families of our pupils. Tracts are distributed at these visits, and in every case the visitor has been well received and politely entertained.

Two missionary trips have been made into the country with Mrs. Van Petten and two Bible women: one to Sakuyama and adjacent towns. Mr. Bishop's district, in April. Here the work is unusually flourishing; meetings were held for the women each day, with good results.

Two pupils from Sakuyama have entered the Tokio Home since our visit and one has been received into the Bible Training School at Yokohama. In July a visit was made to two places on Mr. Harris' district, 250 miles north of Tokio, where churches are established, and great interest awakened. Meetings were held daily for the women in both Teudo and Tamagala. Other towns were visited where as yet no Christian work is done, and promise is assured that ere long work will be opened there also. Our Japanese sisters have been slow to take any part in Christianity, but are now awaking to a sense of their individual responsibility; their husbands, too, are urging them forward, and in places where not a woman believer was to be found, they are now gradually coming to listen to the truth and open their hearts to its refining influences. There is no more promising feature of our work than visiting our sisters in the country churches, to strengthen their faith, teach them to work, and prove to them the reality of our Christian religion.

SUMMARY.

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" " pupils.....	81
" " native teachers.....	10

Boarding School pupil teachers.....	3
Day schools	3
Pupils in same.....	144
Teachers in same.....	4
Bible women.....	1
Women's meetings.....	5
Sabbath schools.....	3
Scholars in same.....	250
Rented buildings.....	3

HAKODATI.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS M. HAMPTON.

MISS E. J. HEWETT.

MISS F. N. HAMISFAR, M. D.

Dr. Hamisfar, who is fast proving herself to be fittingly named "Florence Nightingale," thus writes of her own health and work under date of June 15, 1885 :

"My health is excellent and allows me to do *full work*. I eat well, sleep well; can walk long distances in my round of patients throughout the city, and feel no fatigue. But as warm weather is coming on, I must save myself and my interpreter, Yugiye San, and go oftener in a jenricksha. My work here is becoming wholly absorbing, and brings in return more pleasure and delight than I ever hoped to obtain in this earth-life. My days here are kaleidoscopic, so that a description of one day would be utterly unlike the others, except in the regular duties of each day. Day begins here at three in the morning. Our elevated position on the mountain side, looking out eastward upon a six thousand mile stretch of sea, and the unbroken line of sky above it, seems to hasten daylight. At four o'clock people are astir, and at five o'clock the work of the day has commenced in earnest. Often as early as six my door bell sounds, and patients begin to come. I have hardly time for breakfast, but at 7:30 A. M. I leave and spend half an hour singing with the girls in the school room. At 8 o'clock the pastor comes from his home, a twenty minutes' walk from here, to conduct morning prayers, at which all the household are present, and then school is open for the day. I am usually very busy all the forenoon in my dispensary, occasionally slipping away to visit a very sick person about whom I am anxious. I return to find the waiting room well filled. At 12 o'clock each day we have a prayer meeting in my study for the Missionaries. It continues only fifteen minutes, but it is indeed a helpful season. If I have patients I slip away from them, but they get the benefit of a hymn and the tones of my sweet organ. I am usually punctual at dinner, but all through the dinner hour a stream of patients may be seen passing the window, and the ringing of the door bell beats time for us, so that my first hour after dinner is usually in the dispen-

sary. The afternoon is devoted to visiting the sick, to study and needful exercise and recreation. I am happy to say that I am not idle or lazy. I am falling more and more in love with the Japanese, and I begin to feel that my coming here is not in vain in the Lord. How graciously He opens the way before us? The prospect brightens every day. My work is fast becoming self-supporting. Why, at the end of this year I shall be able to send to our dear treasurer a money report—monies received from patients in return for medicines. My accounts at the present stand nearly balanced, and I believe I shall have a hospital in time. Mr. Andrews, of the English Mission, has given me a frame building worth three or four hundred dollars at least, and has just given an additional gift of six iron bedsteads, a rubber water and air mattress, water-bags, sheets, etc. His gift seems rather too much in advance of the hospital to be, if indeed you decide that it shall be at all. I have not asked for it yet, and you have not told me to have one. I think, though, the time has come to start the question in the Society, "Shall we have a hospital in Hakodati?" Please give me your views and advice. You know there is a hospital here in Government control. The Governor of Hakodati is my friend, and has appointed me teacher of English in the Imperial Normal School at Hakodati, provided the authorities at Tokio will grant an English department in this school. My class would be entirely made up of young men. I should teach one hour each day, Sunday excepted, and should receive a salary of sixty dollars a month; my salary to be used toward the future hospital, or for medical work, or in case of no such need, to be returned to your credit. What a blessing for the people are these Christian school nurseries for Christ. I'm glad I am connected with this school, and working for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society."

The boarding school at Hakodati has passed a very prosperous year. Miss Hampton says: "Our school closed with fifty-five girls, and there have been forty applications for September. God has been with us in our work this year. Seven girls have received baptism. All the others are quiet and show the influence of God's teachings in their lives. They are easily influenced for good." Later, Miss Hewett writes of a marriage in the school, and adds: "We are glad to send the girls out to establish Christian homes, and shall be as glad, perhaps more so, when some of them will finish the course of study, and go out as Christian teachers; we need these so much in the day schools which we could open had we the right kind of teachers. Especially are we anxious to open such a school in Hiroaubi, but we find it difficult to secure a proper teacher. So many girls wanted to come to us this fall, but we could only take the older, more advanced pupils. We must have a preparatory school. We have sixty-five pupils now. Eleven are day scholars. We are hampered in giving music lessons by having but one organ. How we hope another will be sent us. We were so sorry Mr. Squier's health required a change, and they had to leave Hakodati. We miss them very much. We are all busy and well and happy together, and God is with us."

YOKOHAMA.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS E. J. BENTON.

MRS. VAN PETTEN.

The work of our Society is limited in Yokohama to the day schools, Sunday schools, Training school for Bible women, and visiting among the families accessible to Christian teachers and workers.

An event worthy of note by all who are interested in the progress of civilization and Christianity in this wonderful Empire, where the idols are being cast down, and their worship abolished, and multitudes are stretching out their empty hands for a substitute, occurred a year since in Yokohama, the 25th anniversary of the arrival of Dr. and Mrs. Hepburn, the first American Missionaries in Japan. His services have been invaluable in the translation of the Scriptures, and his dictionary is the standard. All the Missionaries in Tokio and Yokohama, irrespective of denomination, joined in the exercises connected with the occasion. The services were inspiring. The work already accomplished, the wide open doors in every province of the Empire, the demand for Christian teaching, were such sources of joy and thanksgiving that the fulfillment of the prophecy, "A nation shall be born in a day," seemed to be very near.

The day schools have been prospering, Bible truth, the Catechism and Christian songs are taught in them daily. Miss Benton writes: "In the winter I laid out for the schools a plan of work, expecting it to be completed in April, when we were to have a grand examination, including three schools at Kanagawa and one at Furocho. Every thing was going well when the measles broke out, and for two months the schools barely existed. Not half a dozen children in our two schools escaped the epidemic.

By some new arrangement, an order came from the Government officials for our schools to come into the same examination as theirs. There was much excitement among the pupils, and they worked faithfully at Kanagawa. Before any went, they all knelt down and asked God's help for the day. Then one teacher went with the pupils who were to be examined, while the other stayed at the school-room with the remaining, praying for those who had gone.

When our scholars arrived at the appointed place, some of the scholars from the other schools shouted, "Oh, here comes the Jesus Christ school; they cannot pass!" But they did—every one. One of the examiners said to another: "What school is this in which every child has passed?" The other replying, "Why, it is the one known as the Jesus Christ school."

After returning to their own building, one little girl went up to another and said: "I know why you passed; it was because we prayed about it."

Mrs. Winomiya gives a similar report from the school in Fursho, where she teaches, adding thus: "I thank God that He blessed our children, giving them a chance to learn how to pray to God sincerely in practical experience. Of course we pray in school every day, but the children did not care much

when examination was coming. I told them if any one of them wanted a good prize they must study hard, and moreover, ask God, do the best, and fear not. After we had prayed all together, a child said: 'I am not afraid now, because the Lord will help me, sure.'"

After these examinations came the Bible work, which reflected great credit to teachers and children, rejoicing the hearts of the workers, that these children are receiving the knowledge of the Bible and Christian truth, which will insure for the members of the Christian Church, in the near future, intelligence and devotion.

The Training School for Bible Women, in charge of Mrs. Van Petten, has been a real success. Six pupils passed in the prescribed course of study arranged for by the First Japanese Conference, which included regular lessons in the Pentateuch and Gospels daily, with a course of reading to aid in the study of the Bible; to which was added lessons in reading and singing, the whole occupying three hours. One of the pupils took Chinese, one English. All took lessons on the organ.

All the work—sewing, washing, ironing and cooking is done by themselves. A class in sewing, every day from two to four, includes all the students of the school, and any others who desire can enter. On Sunday they teach in the Sunday schools. Once a month a meeting is held, to which all the women of the church have been invited, most of whom are reading six verses every day, in accordance with the regular course of reading marked out by our Bible Reading Union. Every Sabbath evening the pupils collect as many poor women as possible into the school-room and teach them, and they are making quite an interesting, profitable meeting. One of the members of the school visits among the people doing the work of a Bible woman, in connection with Mrs. Kaneko.

Mrs. Van Petten refers to her teacher as being "One of the loveliest¹ characters I know, and one of the most promising women in the church. She seems to comprehend the spiritual meaning of what she reads and hears more than any other Japanese I know. She is also a good scholar, and a most faithful and patient teacher. I feel as if she alone were more than worth the coming to Japan."

During the year a Gospel Society has been organized through the influence of a Christian Japanese from San Francisco. Among other things this society provides for the establishment and maintenance of night schools, in which English shall be taught to the young men. This makes an additional tax upon the time and strength of our missionaries, but they accept it as an opportunity for increased usefulness.

Miss Van Petten, Miss Spencer, and two Bible women accompanied Mr. Bishop on a country trip in April, the object of which was to meet the Christian women in the out stations, secure more scholars for the training school, and do the best Missionary work possible. They found openings every where. Being unavoidably detained for passports in a certain village, a meet-

ing was arranged for the next day, when two or three hundred were present, and two candidates received the baptism.

The next day they went to Otawara, five miles away. The service was held in the prison in the afternoon, with about fifty men in brick-colored suits with the officers, and about twenty-five outsiders constituted the "most orderly assembly I ever saw," says Mrs. Van Petten. While we regret exceedingly the vacancy made by the removal of one of our workers in this field, we may rest assured that the work will be cared for as far as possible by Mrs. Van Petten until we can send some one to share with her its burdens and joys.

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NAGASAKI.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS E. RUSSELL.

MISS M. J. ELLIOTT.

MISS EMMA EVERDING.

MISS LIDA B. SMITH.

MISS JENNIE W. GHEER, Fukuoka.

At the annual meeting of the Japan Conference, special provision was made for training preachers for the evangelization of the island of Kiushu, which was spoken of as a field already white to the harvest. The work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in this field has been one of peculiar interest and growth since its first opening, six years ago; and the year just closed has been a marked one in the same direction. In the school at Nagasaki, 107 pupils have been enrolled, with an average attendance of ninety-two. Excellent progress has been made in the line of study, and the religious growth of the girls has been constant and manifest; a sweet spirit of love and obedience pervading the school atmosphere. The girls have organized a Bible class among themselves, and spend most of their Sabbath afternoons studying the Scriptures. Miss Russell says of the last quarter: "It has been our hardest one. We were going to be very economical to meet the Fukuoka demands. The first reverse we had was a storm in April that blew and washed down our fences. We have a wooden fence on one side and a stone fence on the other. A new one cost us \$93. Then the small-pox visited us, which necessitated a doctor bill, a hospital bill, the replacing of burned beds and clothing and mats, tearing off old paper and putting on new, and any amount of fumigating and washing. But the fence is built, the small-pox patients are well, the new school is opened, and there is still meal in the barrel. 'What time we are afraid let us trust in the Lord.' We have no Sunday school work except in connection with the church. I have the honor to be the superintendent, and 'if I do say it, that shouldn't' we have a very nice

Sunday school. We opened it first in our school-room in February, 1880, with five members. In 1882, Mr. Long requested us to take it to the church, and perhaps others would be induced to attend. We did so, and while no regular members from the outside have been brought in, the church members, old and young, come to the Sunday school, and are much interested in it. We have a teachers' meeting every Friday evening; have a library of about 150 books, use 110 Berean Lesson Leaves, take seventy-five copies of the Japanese Sunday school paper, "Good Tidings," and twenty copies of the infant class leaflets. Last year we raised \$55, Mexicans, in penny collections, besides, the school gives something in the monthly Missionary collections. Children's day was observed, the church trimmed, a responsive service, which was a translation of one used last year in the United States; an address from one of the students in the boy's school, and a collection of \$2.20."

The Woman's work in Nagasaki is progressing slowly, but still encouragingly. A meeting held each Saturday afternoon in the school chapel is well attended, and not unfrequently part of the audience are men. In February the ladies in Nagasaki received an earnest appeal to establish a Branch school in Fukuoka, a city seventy miles away. This is an old Dainoyo town on one side of the river, connected with Hakato on the other side by bridges, making them seem like one city. There are 70,000 inhabitants in the two cities. On the Fukuoka side they are all of the Samaira class, fond of learning; a promising class to influence. Fukuoka is what we would call the county seat of the Chikuzen Province. The native pastor opened work here in October, a gracious revival followed, forty-three converts were gathered into the Church, and an urgent call sent to Nagasaki for a girl's school. The ladies replied that they must wait for leave at home, and could not expect to hear before the 1st of April. The first boat that landed at Fukuoka after April 1st found a great crowd waiting at the landing to welcome the new teacher. Miss Russell says: "What could we do? We just talked and prayed over the matter, counted our resources, and then dividing our stores of school equipments and household stores, sent Miss Gheer on, feeling that we could stagger through the work some how until Conference, and we knew you would send us help. We had faith enough in you to justify us in meeting the faith in us shown by this request. We shall squeeze the dollars as closely as possible, and make both ends meet," Miss Gheer was most kindly received, not only by the little band of believers there, but by outsiders. The daily paper reported her coming, and gave kindly accounts of the progress she was making from day to day. When she sent to the Kencho for permission to live in Fukuoka, the officials gave information cheerfully, and expressed the hope that the school might be opened very soon. She rented a house large enough to accommodate a school of seventy, which was pledged in advance, and has three living rooms, besides one for her Bible women. The native pastor reported four persons belonging to good families had been brought into the church by Miss Gheer before she had been there a month. The school opened suc-

cessfully, and the work among the women is especially prosperous. Miss Gheer took with her O Saki San, the Bible reader supported by the Friend's Society, and she already has three stated classes of women in the city, and the prospect of more. Miss Gheer has her training class in the morning, and in the afternoon she sends the women out to talk up Christianity wherever they can find hearers. In the afternoon, Miss Gheer teaches in the school. She has a Japanese assistant. What makes this point an excellent one for our work, is the fact that while they have excellent schools for boys, no instruction except primary is given to girls. To show the literary tastes of the people, there are thirty-five book stores, while Nagasaki has but three. The 5,000,000 souls of Kiushu must be reached through Nagasaki, the only open port. The force at work on this island is, first, the Catholics, strongly entrenched. In Nagasaki, they have a Jesuit's house opposite our school with twenty priests, and below a convent with four French nuns. They claim a following of 20,000. The Greek Church has a Mission there, but it is a weak one. Of Protestants, the Dutch Reformed and English Church each have two missionaries and one lady teacher. The doors stand very wide open, and past success make the harvest of souls to be reaped an early one. The three Missionaries have been well and happy, but the work is too great for them, and the reinforcements now on the way will not arrive a day too soon.

KOREA.

Missionary—MRS. M. F. SCRANTON.

Although our Missionary party started for Korea in January, 1885, they found, on reaching Japan, news that made an onward movement somewhat hazardous. Dr. Maclay advised that the party be divided, thus avoiding the suspicion that might arise if they went in a body. Mrs. Scranton remained in Yokohama until June, busy studying the language, and preparing herself in every possible way for her future work. She says: "It is very pleasant here. The Missionaries are as good as they can be, and Japan is delightful; still I want to go forward and be among my own people." June 8th, she left Yokohama with Mrs. Dr. Scranton and child to join the rest of the party in the hermit nation. They found all quiet, but things in a very unsettled state. Civil war seemed imminent at times, and war between England and Russia probable. Mrs. Scranton says: "Of course we know we are not altogether safe, humanly speaking, but somehow I have no fear; I feel that the promises are high above human wisdom. We are making all our plans to stay, and getting ready for work as fast as we can." In August, Mrs. Scranton wrote for leave to buy a piece of ground in a commanding situation, overlooking the American Legation and the property of the Presbyterian Board. It adjoins that purchased by the Parent Board. The land had a house large enough to meet the present demand, and where Mrs. Scranton can gather women about her. She says: "It seems I must get the mothers before I can reach the daughters. I have

written one friend to send me a magic lantern and a globe and Appleton's charts; to another, to find some one who wants to send me an organ, and mentioned to another how much money will be required to fit up a building. You see I am not modest in my requests." Permission was granted by the Reference Committee, and October 23d, Mrs. Scranton writes: "I feel like singing the 'Te Deum.' The papers are signed. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society now owns property in Korea. Here we hope to have a home and school, and perhaps a dispensary combined. This buying and building for the church is a great responsibility, but I am daily, yes hourly, asking counsel from my Heavenly Father that I make no mistakes. I am learning to prize Sunday as never before. All the week through we are in the midst of 'confusion worse confounded.' The workmen in our building are noisy and numerous. You cannot imagine the strain it is on one's nerves to hear incessant talking in a strange tongue. Saturday night is a boon, for we know the voices and hammers and saws will cease. When the Koreans began to work for Dr. Allen, of the Presbyterian Board, they did not take kindly to the resting one day in seven. In order to preserve peace and Sunday in his compound, he was obliged to pay the workmen to stay away. Now they have gotten used to it, they like the plan, and we have had no trouble until last Sunday; while we were away at our little services, they took the occasion to smuggle in some things they needed for the next day. A few came with their loads after our return. I think they will not trouble us in that way again. The 11th was a 'red letter' day for Korea. We had our first communion service. Mr. Loomis, of the American Bible Society, was with us, and also Capt. Miller, of the United States ship Marion. There were just as many of us who partook of the bread and the wine as were in that little upper chamber when the ordinance was instituted. It was good to be there, and not only to know, but to feel that the Master was just as really present as He was with the disciples on that 'memorable night.'"

BULGARIA.

LOFTCHA.

Missionary—MISS LENA M. SCHENCK.

ASSISTANTS.

MISS STONATA ATANASOVA.

MRS. KASSOVA.

We joyfully record the fact that the time has passed when, in making a report for Bulgaria, we must not only thankfully acknowledge the services of Mr. and Mrs. Challis, of the Parent Board, but add our apologies for lack of representative, and our hopefulness that ere long we would be able to take our allotted place. Apologies have given way to incidents, and hopefulness to certainties. Miss Schenck arrived in Loftcha last November, and received a very hearty welcome. Mr. and Mrs. Challis, with an assistant, had been carry-

ing on the school. Miss Schenck entered upon her duties with enthusiasm, giving several hours per day to the study of the language, and other hours to English teaching and general management of the school, and thereby relieving Mr. Challis from his enforced duties. Miss Schenck wrote: "I am surprised to learn how much has been accomplished. Every thing has been systematically and excellently carried on, and visible results proclaim success. Too close application to study and other duties caused the health of Miss Schenck to give way in winter, and for a time she was the victim of nervous prostration. An urgent appeal for help to come to her assistance was sent by Rev. Mr. Challis. While trying to arrange for sending assistance, word was received that Miss Schenck's health had so nearly been regained that the arrangement was not consummated. Her assistant, Mrs. Kassova, called to her aid two of the older pupils, and the school year closed with a record of prosperity. Diplomas were given to two of the scholars who had completed the course of study, which is quite extended, owing to the Government of Bulgaria raising recently the standard of education, among other reasons hoping thereby to crush out the Protestant schools. In the school there was a good religious influence. Seven during the last term were received on probation, and two in full membership. "The prayer meetings of the girls," Miss Schenck writes, "are exceedingly interesting. They have special subjects, and one where the workers of the Northwestern Branch were imploringly commended to the special care and blessing of our Father, was an occasion to be long remembered." They have sent five dollars as a gift to our Treasury, and Miss Schenck asked for the privilege of paying a one-half scholarship, also fifty dollars per annum from her own salary. The work of the house is performed by the girls, who are also taught sewing.

During the summer vacation, Miss Schenck visited some Missionaries of the American Board at Samohof, over the Balkan mountains, and returned greatly invigorated and strengthened.

School reopened in September with the former teacher, Mrs. Kassova as second assistant, and an experienced Bulgarian teacher, Miss Stonata Stanasova, as first assistant. She is a graduate of the Samahof school; taught there ten years, then spent four years in England, is a very companionable lady, and will take the higher classes which Mr. Challis has heretofore been obliged to teach. Mrs. Kassova takes the intermediate and primary, Mrs. Challis two classes, and Mrs. Schenck the English classes. The laws regulating private schools have been made very stringent, and the survival of the fittest is the war cry. That those of Protestantism may so prove, the teachers ask not only our material aid, but earnest prayers. Twenty boarding pupils and a small number of day scholars are now in attendance. We have also a primary school at Sistoff, and one at Rustshuk, with Bible women and other Bible work at the latter place, under the supervision of Rev. Challis. The violent persecutions of the former years are past. A propitious seed time is ours. May the harvest be fully proportionate to our responsibility.

ITALY.

Missionary—MISS E. M. HALL.

Mrs. Vernon writes, October 13th: "I had purposed writing you a detailed account of your work in Italy, but a long and trying illness interfered with my plans, and I am only able now at the last moment to give you a few items, hoping they will reach you in time for the General Executive Meeting. Your work now is established at most of the principal points on the peninsula, beginning with Turin at the northwestern extremity, extending through Asti and Milan to Venice on the Adriatic sea, at the northwestern border, down through Bologna and Perugia to Rome, and on to Naples, across to Foggia, Venosa and Bari, near the southeastern extremity. At all these points there is good work being done. Mrs. Monta, of Turin, writes that three Catholic families have been recently won to the Church and Christ, through her efforts. She has been visiting them for some time, trying to sow the seeds of evangelical truth in their hearts, and the seed has taken root by the blessing of God. Mrs. Monta is abundant in labors, and conscientiously devoted to her work. Mrs. Campari, of Milan, gives the names of a large number of Catholic families visited by her during the year, among which eight persons have joined our church. She has looked after our sick and visited the hospitals, besides working in the Sunday school, as do all our Bible women.

"Mrs. Tollis, of Venice, commenced her work at the beginning of the year. She, by her labors, has won three women to the Savior, they having joined our church, and she has established a Woman's Meeting at her home. She was very ill during the winter and early spring, and on account of poor health has been obliged to seek a less rigorous climate. They have gone south to Bari, where her husband will open a new station; she will continue her labors there. At Bologna, where we have just opened a new church, quite an excitement and interest has been awakened, and there have been several new accessions recently, principally through the labors of our Bible woman, Mrs. Lopa.

"Alexandria is a new station. Mr. Stazi was sent there in the spring of 1884 to establish a church. They have encountered many obstacles, but have succeeded in gathering together a small band of brethren. Mrs. Stazi has co-operated with her husband, has been 'instant in season and out of season,' in trying to win the favor and good will of the people, and thus draw them to the gospel. Mrs. Palmieri has been working in Perugia for the last few years—a very difficult field. In order to have access to families, she established a French class, giving lessons twice a week, gratuitously, and she had quite a large attendance from a good class of persons, with some of whom she formed very good relations. A number of her scholars absented themselves for a time, she sought them at their homes, but the doors were shut in her face. She was driven away with the cry of *renegade, apostate*. She learned the priests had been at work among these families, and had instigated them against her. She is now busily engaged at Pisa, where she says she finds

good opportunity for work. A few days ago we dedicated a new church in that city, which will increase her influence and opportunities. Mrs. Mando, of Rome, has occupied herself largely with the young people and children, visiting them at their homes, having them meet weekly at her house for religious instruction, and interesting them in various ways. She has succeeded in drawing to the Sunday school a number of Catholic children. One of these last spring came to Mrs. Mando, saying that her mother was going to send her to a convent for two or three weeks to prepare her to receive the communion. (It is the custom in the Catholic Church to administer the communion to children at twelve years of age, and to prepare the child for some weeks previous by special instruction, together with certain ceremonies). The child was very unhappy about it, and said she had entreated her mother to wait, hoping she might finally be excused, but her mother told her if she made any resistance she should never go to the Protestant Sunday school again. The young girl was not seen again for three or four weeks, until one Sunday morning she appeared, saying that she had obeyed her mother, and now she wanted to be taught of Christ, that she might obey the voice of her own heart.

"At Venosa, Mrs. Conte is full of good works. She is an experienced teacher, and being convinced that the best way to reach the mother is through the child, she opened a day school for gratuitous instruction, which met with great success, the number increasing so rapidly that she was obliged to refuse further admissions—at one time she had as many as eighty-seven. In order to have a more direct influence over the women she formed an evening adult class; ten women joined, four of whom are now members of our church, and two probationers. She also conducts a Sunday afternoon Bible Class, besides being the head and heart of the Sunday school. Making the acquaintance of a rich and prominent family of the neighboring town of Malfi, through her influence two young sisters have been won to Christ, and the brother has become a firm friend, though not an adherent of the cause. The Bible women use tracts, bibles, testaments, and religious books in their work, distributing or selling them as they can, though there are few who wish to buy. This is but a brief statement, and refers to only a part of the workers, but it will serve to give you an idea of what your money is accomplishing in this land."

SOUTH AMERICA.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS L. B. DENNING,

MISS J. GOODENOUGH,

MISS J. M. CHAPIN,

MISS E. GUELFI.

In Rosario our Missionaries are so full of work that they give themselves very little time to report the same. We incline to the opinion, however, that it might be a politic measure for them, and for their enterprise, if they were

more given to this. "Let another praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips," has been literally obeyed by these faithful, efficient laborers. How they accomplish such a vast amount of 'telling work' we can only account for by the thorough system everywhere exhibited—in the family, the schools, and business details—the untiring industry, adaptation to circumstances, and last, but not least, that important element of success, ability to get others to work.

It will be remembered that the institution is conducted on a similar plan to the Mt. Holyoke Seminary, the girls taking turns in the kitchen and general family work. The older girls are becoming helpful in the schools as well as in the family.

Miss Chapin writes, September 5th: "This year has been one of work and we trust of progress, in many ways. The Lord has given us and our households a good degree of health. Our School No. 1 has had a greater number of large girls in attendance than any former year. I think it might be said, truly, that we were never doing more real Mission work in school than now. We have had a hundred girls during the year, but now number but eighty, some changes in the normal school having taken a few of the older pupils. March 5th, of the present year, we opened School No. 2, for the poor, on the opposite side of the city. There was no appropriation for this school, neither has any been asked for. We found a new building, containing a large front room and three smaller ones back of it. The small rooms we rented to a family, thereby reducing the rent. The income of School No. 1 has paid the rent of \$50 per month, beside its own incidental expenses. No. 2 has had fifty girls in all. They are of that class that are moving often, so that the average attendance is thirty. They certainly need the Gospel leaven in their hearts to make them live in harmony and peace.

"The Spanish Sunday school in our school-rooms has a varying attendance from twenty to forty-five. We have just had a Sunday school concert, which was quite a success. Our largest room was full of interested people, and many gathered at the door in the street. The Tuesday evening prayer-meeting does not increase as we would like to see it. This is not strange, as we have no pastor to visit among the people. The leader is a hard-working man, who has no time for visiting.

"When we bought the Mission property the school-rooms were old, and the floors of tile very cold for the feet in winter. We had no general assembly room. A gentleman of wealth and influence became interested to have us enlarge one of the rooms and put in board floors, making the contracts for us greatly to our advantage. We thought it right to take the accumulated school funds to improve the property. We ask no appropriation for this.

"The girls educated by your Society are all improving in mental and moral culture. Two of these will soon unite with the Church in full membership, and one on probation.

"I hope some of the Auxiliaries that desire special work will not think

India and China are really the only Mission fields in the world. The girls in South America need the help of our Christian ladies, and their prayers, too, for they are in gross darkness as regards the claims of God upon them. Pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon this place and people, which is much needed."

Miss Morrow, who is engaged as teacher in a Government School in Rosario, writes: "No one can understand what your Missionaries are doing here, and not acknowledge their success. I am sure, knowing the cost of everything here, I cannot conceive how they built so nice a 'Home' with so little money, nor do I know how they take care of so large a family and two schools without more help. I am quite certain that nothing but sheer desperation or absolute necessity would ever cause me to work as hard as they do. The love of Christ would never inspire such self-destruction. We often meet people who have children in their school, or whose children have been with them, and find their names to be household words. They command unbounded respect, and no one can measure their quiet influence. In their lives they represent their faith."

The school work in Buenos Ayres grows more satisfactory each quarter, and is becoming a grand evangelizing agency, felt in the city. The larger girls of the school are developing and improving, so that in a few years good assistants will be furnished for other schools and Gospel work all over the city.

Miss Goodenough writes: "Monday evening is the woman's meeting, led by an energetic Italian woman, who speaks in Spanish or Italian, as occasion requires. Tuesday afternoon, a sewing meeting; Tuesday evening, a class and Gospel meeting in the school room; Friday night, an English prayer meeting in the same place. In all these meetings the 'good seed' is being sown and watered, and we thank God much fruit has already been gathered.

"A poor Italian woman came to our Monday evening meeting, and the leader told her of the way of salvation; the Spirit helped, and she was saved. She went home and told her aged husband, who was sick in bed, the good news. Others came in to pray with him, and he too was soon rejoicing in the Savior. Shortly after he died, praising God with his latest breath.

"The knowledge of Bible truth is becoming more practical and thorough. A little while ago we were studying the life of Solomon, and I told the girls about God's promise to give Solomon whatever he should ask of Him—inquiring what they thought he asked of the Lord. After a moment's silence, a little German girl, who knew nothing of the pure, simple Gospel of Christ, except what she had learned here, and whose skeptical turn of mind had often caused me much pain, held up her hand and said: 'Was it that God would take all sin out of his heart?' Thus it is: here an unfolding leaf; there an opening bud—showing that God is surely fulfilling his promises.

"Our course of study is the same as last year. Our object is to give the children a useful education, and teach them the truths of the Bible."

In the middle of the year Miss Goodenough sent an urgent appeal for \$500.00 for opening a second school. New York and New England Branch responded with \$150.00 each, for which the most sincere and appreciative thanks have been received, with assurance that it was a wonderful help to them.

The present state of affairs there, in connection with the division of church matters, may influence the school work to some extent, but we hope all will be so wisely adjusted as to avoid any permanent injury to a work so signally owned of God from its very commencement.

MEXICO.

MISSIONARIES.

Miss M. HASTINGS,
Miss S. M. WARNER,

Miss E. LE HURAY,
Miss M. DEF. LOYD,

Miss L. M. LATIMER.

The work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in Mexico never gave more encouraging promise than it does to day. From here as elsewhere comes the urgent cry for more workers, more buildings, that the golden opportunity may not be lost.

The orphanage has prospered well under the care of Misses Loyd and Le Huray. Thirty of its pupils are entirely supported by the Society, and about twenty day scholars attend who are mostly in the primary department. There is a marked improvement in the punctual performance of school duties, and in the general social and moral atmosphere of the institution. The rented house which has been occupied for the last two or three years, besides being inconvenient, is much too small to accommodate the increasing demands. On the first anniversary of Miss Loyd's arrival in Mexico, she writes: "The past year has been in most respects a happy one and profitable. I am sure I do not regret having come, and I have the assurance that I am where God designed I should be, and these words are still mine—

"All the way my Saviour leads me,
What have I to ask besides."

From time to time Miss Le Huray has given us bright glimpses of missionary life in Mexico through the columns of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, that have borne fruit in other lives that were consecrating themselves to foreign work.

Miss Warner writes from Puebla, that excepting the change in teachers, the year has been a prosperous one. At the commencement of the year, Miss Swaney entertained great hopes of continuing to teach half of each day, but by the first of May it was evident that her failing health made a return home necessary as soon as practicable. The place has been temporarily supplied,

but there is immediate need of another lady. The school now numbers 42 pupils, eleven of whom are from Protestant families. The new building will be ready for occupancy in December, and Miss Warner says that it is quite satisfactory. Mrs. Lozada, the Bible woman in Puebla has distributed 2382 religious books and tracts during the year.

Early in the present year it was advised by the members of the Mexican Conference that Miss Latimer, who has been assisting Miss Hastings, should open another school in Guanajuato. Twenty-eight girls are now enrolled in this school, and making good progress in their studies. Every Tuesday afternoon is spent at the church, where Miss Latimer holds a woman's meeting, in which all take part, the very little ones who cannot read having been taught a text to repeat. This is followed by the meeting of a society to aid the sick and poor; so religious duties are being enforced as the intellects are trained.

Guanajuato is a hot, unhealthy city, built in a ravine, with a river running through it, over which many of the houses are built, and which receives all the sewage of the city, and never has any water in it except when it rains. The good work here is progressing astonishingly, and all the women of the church meet in Miss Latimer's Bible class.

The school at Orizaba is taught by Miss Loza, one of the first fruits of our mission in Guanajuato. She is said to be an earnest Christian young lady, conscientious and faithful in work. Her brother is pastor of the church in Orizaba, and both he and his wife help forward the work of the girls' school.

At Queretaro, the school under the superintendence of Mrs. Craver is taught by Mary Morris, a young lady of English parentage, but for many years one of our orphanage girls, where she was very useful as an interpreter. She is reported as a good teacher and sincere Christian. Not many pupils are in this school, and most of the church members are from the Indians. Mrs. Butler writes: "The new school building at Miraflores has been completed, and two hundred names enrolled. The opening was attended by the friends of the children, many prominent public citizens, and the local authorities. Our work here receives generous aid from a kind-hearted Englishman, who is the manager and principal owner of a large cotton factory. The interest of his family in our work the past year has been very encouraging. The eldest daughter has recently become a teacher in the Sunday School. She has a class of twenty little folks gathered about her each Sabbath, and her example will undoubtedly have a great influence on the community where she and her family are so greatly esteemed."

The school at Ayapango has been under much disadvantage, being held in the church, but a new school house has been commenced, whose completion is looked forward to with great interest.

Many of our church members in Mexico know what it is to make genuine sacrifices in becoming Protestants. An old lady who formerly lived in ease and plenty, supports herself now by making sweets to sell to children. She was turned out of the house by her husband and children when she renounced

the Catholic religion, and her bed and clothing were burned for fear of contamination with a heretic. The Bible woman in Mexico City is most faithful and devoted, constantly on the watch to do good, and is exerting an excellent influence. In Pachuca the school list shows 120 girls and 45 boys, the latter being in the primary department. The girls of the first class are reviewing their primary studies, the better to prepare them for teaching. Many of the little girls are greatly interested in singing hymns in a class taught by Senorita Cruz Zapata, and the truths learned in this way make lasting impression. Miss Hastings, in writing of her work in Pachuca, says: "Being invited the other day to the house of a prominent lawyer, many questions were asked me about our faith and customs. 'You do not confess,' said one. 'We confess to God, who alone has power to forgive sins,' I replied. 'How do you know he forgives you?' asked the lawyer's wife. 'He has promised to forgive us, and we know it by the testimony of the Holy Spirit in our hearts,' I said. One of the ladies repeated after me, 'the testimony of the Holy Spirit in our hearts,' as though the thought was new and wonderful. How many weary hearts need the peace that comes from this testimony. Mrs. Medina, our Bible reader in Real del Monte, appears to be working earnestly, finding much prejudice, but also many who gladly receive tracts and testaments.

We have been waiting at the gate of Mexico's evangelization for years, entering as opportunity has been given; but now the way is wider; God is preparing the way before his servants; the fields are larger and we see great harvests ungathered. Oh, when will the Christian Church embrace its privileges of bringing in the sheaves?"

FOREIGN SUMMARY.

	Missionaries.	Assistants.	Med. wr kers and B. women.	Bt'g Schools.	Pupils in Bt'g School.	Day Schools.	Pupils in Day Schools.	In Orphanages.	Zenanas visited.	Women under instruction.	Hospitals and dispensaries.	Women treated.	Homes, Home- less women.	Inmates.
India	23	32	140	14	600	117	3,200	304	2,100	3,850	5	17,187	2	45
China	12	...	12	5	85	37	600	17	...	52	4	12,000	...	...
Japan	12	...	7	3	194	7	245	7	...	200	1	...	...	...
Korea	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bulgaria	1	2	3	1	22	2	30	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Italy	1	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
S. America	4	3	...	1	80	7	400	7	...	50	...	...	...	...
Mexico	5	6	7	2	16	7	300	30	...	40	...	...	...	...
Total	59	43	182	26	997	177	4,775	351	2,100	4,192	10	29,187	2	45

TREASURER.	ADDRESS.	ROUTE.	MAILS LEAVE.	POST'GE	NEWSP'R POSTAGE.
Louisa E. Blackmar...	Lucknow, India.....	Via Brindisi.....	England, every Friday.....	5c 1/2 oz.	2c ea. 4 oz.
Sarah DeLine.....	Bombay, ".....	".....	".....	5c "	2c "
Rev. Dr. J. M. Thoburn	46 Dhurramtolla st., Calcutta	".....	".....	5c "	2c "
Carrie J. Jewell.....	Foochow, China.....	" S. Francisco	S. Francisco, 1st & 15th ea. mo.	5c "	2c "
Annie B. Sears.....	Peking, ".....	".....	".....	5c "	2c "
Mary C. Robinson....	Chin Kiang, ".....	".....	".....	5c "	2c "
Frances Wheeler.....	Chung King, China.....	".....	".....	5c "	2c "
Mrs. J. C. Jackson....	Wuhu, China.....	".....	".....	5c "	2c "
Matilda A. Spencer....	Tokio, Japan, 14 Akas-hi-cho	".....	".....	5c "	2c "
Minnie Hampton.....	Hakodati, Japan.....	".....	".....	5c "	2c "
Elizabeth Russell.....	Nagasaki, ".....	".....	".....	5c "	2c "
Carrie M. Van Petten.	Yokohama, ".....	".....	".....	5c "	2c "
Mrs. Mary F. Scranton	Seoul, Korea.....	".....	".....	5c "	2c "
Mrs. Rev. L. M. Vernon	Piazza Poli, 2, Rome, Italy.	" England.....	New York, daily.....	5c "	2c "
Linna Schenck.....	Loftcha, Bulgaria.....	".....	New York, weekly.....	5c "	2c "
Rev. T. B. Wood.....	Montevideo, S. America...	".....	New York, 3d of ea. month	5c "	2c "
Jennie M. Chapin.....	Rosario, ".....	".....	Boston and N. Y. daily....	5c "	2c "
Julia E. Goodenough...	Buenos Ayres, ".....	".....	".....	5c "	2c "
Mary D. Loyd.....	City of Mexico.....	".....	By ss. N. Y., every Thurs.	5c "	2c "
Mary Hastings.....	Pachuca, ".....	".....	".....	5c "	2c "

RECEIPTS OF SOCIETY SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION.

From March, 1869, to April, 1870.....	\$4,546 86
“ April 1, 1870, to April 1, 1871 ..	22,397 99
“ “ 1871, to “ 1872.....	44,477 46
“ “ 1872, to “ 1873.....	54,834 87
“ “ 1873, to “ 1874.....	64,309 25
“ “ 1874, to “ 1875.....	61,492 19
“ “ 1875, to Feb. 10, 1876.....	55,276 06
“ Feb. 10, 1876, to “ 1877.....	72,464 30
“ “ 1877, to “ 1878.....	68,063 52
“ “ 1878, to “ 1879	66,843 69
“ “ 1879, to “ 1880.....	76,276 43
“ “ 1880, to “ 1881.....	107,932 45
“ “ 1881, to Oct. 1, 1882.....	195,678 50
“ Oct. 1, 1882, to “ 1883.....	126,823 33
“ “ 1883, to “ 1884.....	143,199 14
“ “ 1884 to “ 1885.....	157,442 66
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Total receipts from March, 1869, to October 1, 1885	\$1,320,060 70
Total receipts for Zenana Paper for year ending October 1, 1885.....	\$16,273 18

MISSIONARIES OF WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

APPOINT'T	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1869.	Miss Isabella Thoburn.	Lucknow, India.	Cincinnati.	St. Clairsville, O.
1869.	" Clara A. Swain, M. D.	Kokatie, "	New England.	Castile, N. Y.
1870.	" Fannie J. Sparkes.	Bareilly, "	New York.	Binghampton, N. Y.
1872.	" Gertrude Howe.	Chung King, China.	Northwestern.	Lansing, Mich.
1872.	" Lucy H. Hoag.	Ching-kiang, "	New York.	Ann Arbor, Mich.
1872.	" Lou E. Blackmar.	Lucknow, India.	Des Moines.	West Springfield, Pa.
1874.	" Susan M. Warner.	Puebla, Mexico.	Cincinnati.	New Orleans, La.
1874.	" Mary Hastings.	Pachuca, "	New York.	Blanford, Mass.
1874.	" Jennie M. Chapin.	Rosario, South America.	New England.	Chicopee, Mass.
1874.	" Lou B. Denning.	" "	Northwestern.	Normal, Ill.
1878.	" Mary F. Swaney.	Home on leave.	Baltimore.	New Brighton, Pa.
1878.	" S. A. Easton.	Cawnpore, India.	Cincinnati.	Washington, D. C.
1878.	" Matilda A. Spencer.	Tokio, Japan.	Philadelphia.	Germantown, Pa.
1878.	" M. J. Holbrook.	Home on leave.	Cincinnati.	Baltimore, Md.
1878.	" M. E. Layton.	Calcutta, India.	Baltimore.	Wilmington, Del.
1878.	" Clara M. Cushman.	Home on leave.	New England.	Fisherville, N. H.
1878.	" Cecelia Guefi.	Montevideo, South America.	Northwestern.	Montevideo, S. A.
1879.	" Elizabeth Russell.	Nagasaki, Japan.	Cincinnati.	Keyser, West Va.
1879.	" Jennie M. Gheer.	" "	New York.	Altoona, Pa.
1880.	" Julia E. Goodenough.	Buenos Ayres, South America.	Northwestern.	Flint, Mich.
1880.	" Luella Kelley.	Bareilly, India.	Baltimore.	Baltimore, Md.
1880.	" Florence E. Nickerson.	Lucknow, India.	Cincinnati.	Clyde, O.
1880.	" Annie B. Sears.	Peking, China.	" "	Bucyrus, O.
1880.	" Annie Budden.	Home on leave.	Des Moines.	India.
1880.	" Elizabeth Yates.	Peking, China.	New England.	Maine.
1881.	" Minnie Hampton.	Hakodati, Japan.	New York.	New York.
1881.	Mrs. Carrie Van Petten.	Tokio, "	Northwestern.	Albion, Mich.
1881.	Miss Ellen Warner.	Rangoon, Burmah.	Cincinnati.	Berea, O.
1881.	" Emma S. Knowles.	Naini Tal, India.	New England.	Newark, N. J.
1881.	" Harriet Kerr.	Home on leave.	Philadelphia.	Ann Arbor, Mich.
1881.	" Phœbe Rowe.	Lucknow, India.	Northwestern.	India.

MISSIONARIES OF WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—Continued.

APPOINT'	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1881	Miss Frances J. Wheeler	Chung King, China	Northwestern	Chicago, Ill.
1882	" Estella Akers, M. D.	Tientsin, "	New England	Bath, Maine.
1882	" Anna P. Atkinson	Tokio, Japan	New York	Cazenovia, N. Y.
1882	" Esther J. De Vine	Cawnpore, India	Cincinnati	Marietta, O.
1883	Mrs. Charlotte M. Jewell	Peking, China	New York	Fort Jones, Cal.
1883	Miss Rebecca J. Watson	Tokio, Japan	Topeka	
1883	" Laura Hyde, M. D.	Cawnpore, India	New York	Clifton Springs, N. Y.
1883	" Mary McKesson	Rangoon, Burmah	Des Moines	Berea, O.
1883	" Emma J. Everding	Nagasaki, Japan	Baltimore	Syracuse, N. Y.
1883	" Florence N. Hamisfar, M. D.	Hakodati, "	Topeka	Oswego, Kansas.
1884	" Ella J. Hewett	"	Philadelphia	Gilead, Mich.
1884	" Emily L. Harvey	Cawnpore, India	New England	South Barton, Vt.
1884	" Mary Christianity, M. D.	Bareilly, "	"	Washington, D. C.
1884	" Fanny M. English	"	New York	Seneca Falls, N. Y.
1884	" Clara A. Downey	Moradabad, "	"	Rome, N. Y.
1884	" Margaret C. Hedrick	Calcutta, "	"	South Charleston, O.
1884	" Sarah De Line	Bombay, "	Northwestern	Aurora, Ill.
1884	" Mary Reed	Cawnpore, "	Cincinnati	Crooked Tree, O.
1884	" Hettie Mansell	"	"	Delaware, O.
1884	" Catharine Corey, M. D.	Foochow, China	Northwestern	Michigan.
1884	" Mary C. Robinson	Chin-kiang, "	"	Harmer, O.
1884	" Carrie I. Jewell	Foochow, "	Cincinnati	London, O.
1884	" Lizzie M. Fisher	"	Baltimore	Summit, N. J.
1884	" Eleanor Le Huray	City of Mexico, Mexico	New York	Hillsboro, O.
1884	" Mary D. Loyd	"	Philadelphia	Chicago, Ill.
1884	" L. M. Latimer	Pachuca, Mexico	New England	Muskegon, Mich.
1884	" Linna Schenck	Loftcha, Bulgaria	Northwestern	Cleveland, O.
1885	Mrs. M. F. Scranton	Seoul Korea	N. Eng. & N. Y.	Chicago, Ill.
1885	Miss Anna D. Gloss, M. D.	Tientsin, China	Northwestern	Martinsville, N. J.
1885	" Mary C. Elliott	Bombay	New York	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
1885	" Theresa J. Kyle	North India	Philadelphia	

MISSIONARIES OF WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—Continued.

APPOINT'T	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1885	Miss Sarah Lauck	North India	Philadelphia	Beaver, Pa.
1885	" E. M. Hall	Rome, Italy	Northwestern	
1885	" M. J. Elliott	Nagasaki, Japan	Cincinnati	Greensburg, O.
1885	" Lida Smith	"	New York	Syracuse, N. Y.
1885	" Julia Wisner	Rangoon, India	Cincinnati	Berea, O.
UNDER APPOINTMENT.				
Miss Anna L. Dyer	Naini Tal, India	New England	Andover, Mass.	
" Anna Lawson	North India	Des Moines	Ottumwa, Ill.	
" Lizzie Hewett	Puebla, Mexico	Northwestern	Gilead, Mich.	
ACCEPTED, BUT NOT APPOINTED.				
Miss Julia Bonafield		Cincinnati	Tunnelton, W. Va.	
" Oriel Miller		"	Delaware, O.	
" Hattie Ayer		"	Hillsboro, O.	
" Marietta Green		"	Hopedale, O.	
" Lydia Wychoff, M. D.		Minneapolis		
" Estella Long, M. D.		Northwestern		
MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE RETURNED ON ACCOUNT OF ILL HEALTH, AND WHOSE RETURN IS UNCERTAIN.				
APPOINT'T	MISSIONARIES.	WHERE EMPLOYED.	BRANCHES.	PRESENT ADDRESS.
1878	Miss M. E. Priest	Hakodati, Japan	New York	Auburn, N. Y.
1878	" Eugenia Gibson	Lucknow, India	"	Albany, N. Y.
1878	" Clara L. Mulliner	Mexico City	"	Camden, N. J.
1879	" Kate C. Bushnell	Kiu Kiang, China	Northwestern	Denver, Col.
1879	" Delia Howe	"	Philadelphia	Lansing, Mich.
1879	Mrs. E. J. M. Clemens	Rosario, South America	Northwestern	Metropolis, Ill.
RESIGNED AFTER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS' SERVICE.				
1858	Miss Beulah Woolston			Trenton, N. J.
1858	" Sarah Woolston			"

MISSIONARIES OF WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—Continued.

FORMERLY EMPLOYED.		ENTERED INTO REST.	
APPOINTED	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	
1871	Miss Carrie McMillan.	Mrs. Rev. P. M. Buck, Almorah, India	Parent Society.
1871	" Maria Brown.	" Rev. G. R. Davis, Peking, China.	"
1871	" Jennie Tinsley	" Rev. J. W. Waugh, Dwarahat, India.	"
1873	" S. F. Leming (Mrs. Shepherd)	Health failed. Returned to U. S. May, 1874	Parent Society.
1873	" Nannie Monelle, M. D.	Mrs. H. Mansell, Bareilly, India.	Parent Society.
1873	" Lucinda L. Coombs, M. D.	" Rev. A. Strittmatter, Columbus, O.	Parent Society.
1874	" Letitia Mason, M. D. (Mrs. Quinn)	Health failed. Returned to U. S. Aug. 1876	Parent Society.
1874	" Anna Julia Lore.	Mrs. Rev. G. H. McGrew, Kingwood, W. Va.	Parent Society.
1874	" D. E. Shoemaker.	" Dora S. Soper, Chicago, Ill.	"
1876	" Mary C. Cary.	" Frank Davis.	"
1876	" Olive Whiting.	" Rev. C. Bishop, Tokio, Japan.	Taylor's Work.
1876	" L. M. Pultz.	Health failed. Returned 1877	Parent Society.
1876	" Nettie C. Ogden.	Santiago, South America.	Parent Society.
1871	" M. L. Porter.	Mrs. Rev. Gamewell, Chung King, W. China	Parent Society.
1878	" Margaret Elliott.	Married in 1883.	Parent Society.
1880	" Kate Woodworth	Married in 1883.	Parent Society.
1881	" E. I. Hoy.	Mrs. Lawson, Sceptapore, India.	Parent Society.
1879	" Mary Sharp	Recalled.	Parent Society.
1877	" Leonora Howard, M. D.	Married in 1884.	Parent Society.
1878	" Julia A. Sparr, M. D.	Married in 1884.	Parent Society.
1883	" M. Hugoboom.	Married in 1884.	Parent Society.
1874	" S. Trask, M. D.	Married in 1885.	Parent Society.
1882	" E. J. Benton	Married in 1885.	Parent Society.
1875	Miss Letitia A. Campbell.		Died May 18, 1878.
1878	" Susan B. Higgins.		" July 3, 1879.
1876	" Lucilla H. Green, M. D. (Mrs. Cheney)		" September 30, 1878.
1881	" Emma Michener.		" December 11, 1881.
1884	" Ella Gilchrist, M. D.		" April 23, 1884.

REPORT OF HOME WORK.

NEW ENGLAND BRANCH.

Includes East Maine, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New England, New England Southern, with portions of Troy, New York and New York East Conferences, with headquarters at Boston.

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As we reach another mile-stone, and hastily review the way by which He has led us and helped us, we most gratefully acknowledge that "He hath not withholden the request of our lips, and we will give thanks unto His name."

The year has been characterized by work—earnest, persistent work. Conference and District Secretaries, faithful and untiring, report success and growth, steady and healthful, as the result of hearty co-operation of officers and members of the local Auxiliaries.

Mrs. Butler, ever faithful, with strong, inspiring words, has gone from place to place laying upon the hearts of the women a sense of individual responsibility in supplying the women of heathen lands with Gospel light and blessings. Like the traveler ascending the mountain heights, who is compelled to halt for rest and refreshment that he may the better prosecute the journey, so was she obliged to cease work for a season, but is again doing "valiantly" for the work. Mrs. Hoskins, Mrs. Hauser, Mrs. Mudge and Mrs. Scott have been giving their influence and efforts in public and auxiliary meetings, while Miss Cushman has been "everywhere," bearing the wonderful record of her own experiences in the land she loves so well, and to whose daughters she so gladly gives her life, her all.

Conference and camp meeting anniversaries have been seasons of unusual interest, some of the latter of great spiritual power. District Conventions are becoming a necessity, and are among the very best agencies for developing and unifying the work at home.

Young Ladies' Societies are multiplying, many of them conducting their business with intelligence and skill, and infusing a vitality and energy into other departments of church work through the experience and interest secured at this altar. Mission bands, too, are a positive demand in every section of our work. How this increasing interest can be best developed and cared for is a problem of momentous importance, demanding mature, prayerful consideration. Could all limitations be removed, the children could soon be enlisted in one grand army of Missionary workers.

A revival of interest in mite boxes still continues, and 1,375 have been added to those already doing duty in the homes of our people.

We deplore the fact that the list of subscribers to the *Heathen Woman's Friend* for 1885 is only 3,006, and only wish that every woman in our Church would invest fifty cents for this paper, and know the benefit to be received from its monthly messages.

One hundred and ninety-three thousand nine hundred and twenty-four pages of Leaflets have been received and distributed, 1,000 Branch Annuals, and 500 of the Fifteenth Annual Report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Four thousand one hundred pages of Missionary correspondence have been hectographed and sent to Conference and District Secretaries by the Committee having charge of this department. This agency is becoming increasingly popular and useful.

Six hundred and sixty-four dollars and seventeen cents have been raised and added to the Zenana Paper Fund, which now amounts to \$2,685 42, \$2,500 of which is invested at 8 per cent., with first-class securities. We intend to reach \$3,000 before closing the accounts for this fund.

We regret exceedingly the depletion of our forces in the field. Dr. Swain's removal to Khetri may prove to have been of Divine planning, despite the vacancy thereby occasioned at the hospital in Bareilly.

Miss Yates has been very decided about coming home at the close of five years, which occurs December 1st.

The failure of Miss Cushman to return to Peking this fall, on account of the severe and dangerous illness of her mother, and the very urgent request of the Reference Committee that she should remain until next year, may influence her to do so.

Dr. Akers and Miss Benton decide to ignore the claims of our Society upon them, based upon the contract for service made and duly signed when they accepted work from us, transferring themselves to other contracting parties, greatly to our disappointment, and embarrassment as well. With these vacancies staring us in the face, we are compelled to say we have not one can-

didate with which to recruit the ranks. Our petitions earthward and heavenward are importunate. Verily, it is a time of need ! But our Divine leader whispers, "Be not dismayed, for I am thy God. I will help thee, yea, I will strengthen thee." It is ours to obey.

"As he directs we go."

SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries.....	419
Members.....	11,025
Life members.....	85 new ones, 946
Honorary managers.....	5 " " 38
Life patrons.....	2 " " 12
Conference secretaries.....	9
District secretaries.....	31
Subscribers to H. W. F.....	3,006
Pages of Leaflets.....	193,924
Pages Missionary Letters.....	4,100
Branch Annual Reports.....	1,000
W. F. M. S. Annual Reports.....	500
Mite boxes added this year.....	1,375

SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Number of Missionaries.....	8
Number of assistants.....	7
Number of medical assistants.....	4
Number of matrons.....	2
Number of Bible women.....	52
Number of pupils in boarding schools and scholarships.....	120
Number of orphans.....	34

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance in treasury, October 1, 1884.....	\$1,338 45
Received from October 1, 1884, to October 1, 1885.....	25,286 07
Total.....	\$26,624 52
Disbursements.....	22,093 79
Balance on hand.....	\$4,530 73

RECEIVED FROM AUXILIARIES.

East Maine Conference.....	\$ 375 92
Maine Conference.....	1,406 09
New Hampshire Conference.....	1,833 25
Vermont Conference.....	1,487 52
Troy (fractional) Conference.....	864 21
New England Conference.....	7,680 94
New England Southern Conference.....	2,818 27
New York East (fractional) Conference.....	2,298 60
Total from Auxiliaries.....	\$17,764 80

The Executive Committee of New England Branch meets at 36 Bromfield street, Boston, at 11 A. M., the 2d Wednesday of each month.

NEW YORK BRANCH.

Includes New York and New Jersey, with headquarters at New York City.

OFFICERS.

<i>President</i>	MRS. JOS. A. WRIGHT . . .	452 Lexington ave., New York.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i>	" W. B. SKIDMORE, 230 West 59th st.,	"
<i>Rec. Secretary</i>	" J. H. KNOWLES	Madison, N. J.
<i>Treasurer</i>	" J. M. CORNELL	141 Centre st., New York.
<i>Asst. Treasurer</i>	" E. B. HEYDECKER . . .	234 West 48th st., "

CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>N. Y. Conference</i>	MRS. KENNARD CHANDLER . .	868 Lexington ave., N. Y.
<i>New York East</i>	" A. LOWREY	316 " " "
<i>Troy</i>	" JOS. HILLMAN	Troy, New York.
<i>Central N. Y.</i>	" S. B. ROBINSON	Clyde, "
<i>Northern N. Y.</i>	" GEORGE GOODIER, 52 East Cayuga st.,	Oswego, N Y.
<i>Genesee</i>	" { F. G. HIBBARD	Clifton Springs, "
	" { J. T. GRACEY	6 Cobb st., Rochester, "
<i>Erie Conference</i>	" E. A. TARBELL	1263 Main st., Titusville, Pa.
<i>Wyoming Confer.</i>	" D. C. OLMSTEAD	Pittston, Pa.
<i>Newark</i> "	" J. H. KNOWLES	Madison, N. J.
<i>New Jersey</i> "	" D. D. LORE	Summit, "

To give a detailed account of the work of the New York Branch, at home and abroad, would occupy more space than can be given here, and yet a mere statistical report would not be satisfactory, and would give no idea of the work done—the patient, laborious effort by which all true success is attained, the miles of travel, the organization and re-organization of Auxiliaries, the disappointments and pleasant surprises, the discouragements and encouragements, the unforeseen difficulties arising, the demand on time and patience, and the sacrifice of social life, the hours of thought and prayer—all these must be counted in the work of the Conference and District Secretaries. This year as in the past, we have trusted in the Almighty Power, and God has owned our work. Never has the Blessed Holy Spirit been more manifest in all our district meetings, and camp meeting anniversaries, and in the hearts of the individual workers. Some of these secretaries have gone out with fear and trembling, and returned with joy, giving glory to God. The young women, by their bands of "Willing Workers" and "Helping Hands," have given new life and spirit unto many of the churches, and by their zeal in work and sympathy for the perishing, have roused the latent spirit in the older organizations. We depend on the young people for much of our special work, and this development of interest should be particularly cared for and encouraged, lest their efforts be turned into other channels.

We have no large bequests or donations this year, but the books are filling

up in which God records the sacrifice memberships and the widow's mite. We have depended on the two cents a week contributions and the mite box collections for our quarterly payments to the foreign work. We attribute much of our financial success to the 4,040 mite boxes distributed throughout our Branch. They mean two cents a week and a prayer, and we feel sure the Holy Spirit has used these little voiceless monitors to turn much money into our treasury. We would that every woman could be furnished with one of these boxes ; that she might constantly be reminded of the neglected, suffering, ignorant, degraded, superstitious, idolatrous women who form so great a contrast to the hopeful, loving, cheerful, cultivated, blessed life we women enjoy through the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our missionary literature has been all we could desire. The leaflets are adapted to all and cover all sources of interest. The demand for them increases all the time. Mrs. Gracey's services in preparing these leaflets are given gratuitously, and no larger donation is made to our Society from any source.

The *Heathen Woman's Friend* has not depreciated in quality or character, and as we read it from month to month, we wonder that any Christian woman can fail to take an interest in its circulation. It is so pure, so full of interest, gives such true pictures of missionary life, and brings humanity so near to our hearts, we seem to understand more clearly why the blessed Jesus was moved with tenderness to say, "Come unto me, all ye weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

We report a larger increase this year than ever before in the number of new Auxiliaries showing interest throughout the Branch in the way of organization, which we think means strength.

The New York Branch supports work in India, Korea, China, Japan, Bulgaria, Italy, South America and Mexico. There are four ladies superintending work in India from this Branch—Miss Sparkes, Miss Hyde, Miss English and Miss Downey. Miss Hyde, M. D., has charge of the medical work in Cawnpore. The other work is scattered through the different districts of India. We have supported medical work in Foochow, China, for eleven years, but Dr. Trask has married and left her place vacant, which, for six months, we have vainly tried to fill. Dr. Hoag, in charge of medical work in Chin Kiang, is doing good work for God and humanity. In Japan there are three ladies supported by this Branch—Miss Atkinson, Miss Gheer and Miss Hampton. In Korea we have the half support of Mrs. Scranton. In Mexico, Miss Hastings at Pachuca, and Miss Le Huray in the City of Mexico. Miss Hedrick reached Calcutta in November last, and has greatly relieved Miss Layton.

As we attempt to review the work of the past year, we are amazed at our want of faith and courage, and confess that too often we have forgotten the source of all our strength. To-day we thankfully acknowledge, though often unrecognized, the guiding hand of God in all our plans and ways. We are more than ever convinced, by results, that the work is Divine. To God be all the glory.

SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries	135 increase,	710
Young Ladies' Societies.....		55
Contributing churches, not organized		267
Annual members	4,243 increase,	26,273
Life members	78 "	1,057
Life managers	12 "	70
Life patrons	1 "	12
Subscribers to H. W. F		3,394
Mite boxes		4,040

SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries—two medical	13
East India assistants.....	5
Bible women in India.....	34
Bible women in China	3
Bible women in Bulgaria	1
Bible women in Italy.....	4
Bible women in Mexico.....	2
Day schools in India.....	27
Day schools in China.....	3
Day schools in Japan.....	2
Day schools in Bulgaria.....	1
Day schools in South America	1
Day schools in Mexico	1
Scholarships in India.....	5
Scholarships in China.....	7
Scholarships in Japan	36
Scholarships in Bulgaria.....	5
Orphans in India.....	88
Orphans in Mexico.....	12
Teachers in Mexico	3
Sent abroad for new buildings.....	\$4,000 00
Rent and hospital supplies.....	2,500 00
Passage and outfit of Missionaries.....	2,250 00

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts—Central New York Conference.....	\$3,238 57
Erie Conference	439 64
Genesee Conference.....	2,896 58
New York Conference	4,656 60
Eastern New York Conference	3,893 16
Northern New York Conference	2,943 26
Troy Conference.....	3,607 59
Wyoming Conference.....	1,102 59
Newark Conference.....	2,120 52
New Jersey Conference	2,679 65—\$27,578 06

Interest in Savings Bank	213 15
Outside Conferences	45 20
Total receipts	\$27,836 41
Balance on hand October, 1884	7,563 77
Total	\$35,400 18
Disbursements	28,267 41
Balance on hand October, 1885	\$7,132 77

Branch Executive Committee meeting, at 805 Broadway, the 3d Thursday of the month, at 11 A. M.

PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

Includes Pennsylvania and Delaware, with headquarters at Philadelphia.

OFFICERS.

<i>President</i>	MRS. M. S. WHEELER...2349 E. York st., Philadelphia.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i>	" J. F. KEEN.....1209 Arch street, Philadelphia.
<i>Rec. Secretary</i>	MISS E. A. TOWNSEND, 1711 Spruce street, Philadelphia.
<i>Treasurer</i>	MRS. M. D. CHAHOON, 134 S. Fourth street, Philadelphia.

CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Philadelphia</i>	MRS. JAS. LONG...1529 Girard avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Central Penn'a</i>	" R. HINKLE.....Danville, Pennsylvania.
<i>Pittsburgh</i>	" W. VAN KIRK, Forbes st., Oakland, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Erie (fractional)</i>	" E. A. TARBELL...126 East Main st., Titusville, Pa.
<i>Wilmington (frac.)</i>	" E. B. STEVENS, 1221 Market st., Wilmington, Del.
<i>Wyoming (frac.)</i>	" E. L. OLMSTEAD.....Pittston, Pa.
<i>Central N. Y. (fr.)</i>	" J. LOYD JONES (Elmira Dist.).....Leona, Pa.
<i>Genessee (frac.)</i>	" D. W. C. HUNTINGDON.....Bradford, Pa.

The most noteworthy fact in the review of the last year's work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in Philadelphia Branch, is the steadiness with which the work is increasing. There has been less of impulsive or spasmodic effort in the past year, but a deeper and more intelligent enthusiasm is evident throughout all our borders. The Conference and District Secretaries have gone forward as though they had stood in the Master's presence when He gave authority to His servants, and to every one his work, and have met duty in the power of that personal command, seeking to fill every opportunity, if haply some of the careless daughters who are sitting at ease in Zion may be aroused to claim their privilege in helping to bring in the Kingdom of Christ.

No territory feels business depression more than the coal and iron regions of Pennsylvania, and notwithstanding closed mills and silent forges, our treasury reports from the regular channels show an increase of \$1,464 over the amount received from the same sources last year, exclusive of bequests and

large donations, evidences that a healthy state of conscience towards Missions is growing in our churches.

Forty-three new Auxiliaries have been formed since our last report, and thirty-eight new life members have been added, while our annual membership has increased 750. The Branch has more than met its pledges to the foreign field, adding to its appropriations a large part of the delayed estimates for Hakodati, and the salary of one of the assistants in Bombay.

Our only Missionary in India, Miss Harriet Kerr, was obliged to return home in June, on account of ill health. We regret to lose her devotion and enthusiasm from the foreign field, but trust she may soon recover under the more favorable influences of home and native air.

On October 21st, two of the Missionaries who sailed with the party for India were from Philadelphia Branch, both of them having had their homes in Pittsburgh Conference. We hope much from these consecrated young lives, and would ask continued prayers for them. Our ward, Hu King Eng, as she has progressed in her studies, has also been making her way into the hearts of all those surrounding her. Her beautiful Christian character, and zeal to bring every one to the knowledge of a personal Savior, makes her a valuable as well as dearly loved pupil in her school. In company with Mr. and Miss Sites, she was among those from many nations who added interest to the Missionary Convention at Niagara Falls last August. Having more than filled our proportion for the founding of the Zenana Paper, no special effort has been made in this direction through the last twelve months, but some additional sums have been received.

The Philadelphia Branch purposes to hold the position where the Lord of Hosts has placed her, and in the strength of God to push forward her banners of truth till every woman on the face of the earth shall know she has been redeemed by Jesus Christ.

SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries	30 increase,	370
Members	750 "	11,909
Life members	38 "	335
Honorary managers		20
Honorary patrons	1 increase,	4
Subscribers to H. W. F.	50 decrease,	1,947
Mission boxes distributed ..		952
Mission boxes sent.....		3

SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries	6
Teachers	8
Bible women and assistants	8
Day schools.....	25
Orphans.....	31
Scholarships	38

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand September 25, 1884	\$ 8,568 05
Receipts to September 25, 1885	15,057 05
Total	\$23,625 10
Disbursements	\$18,403 58
Balance on hand September 25, 1885	\$ 5,221 52

Meeting of Branch Executive Committee at 1018 Arch street, at 10:30 A. M., the first Wednesday of the month.

BALTIMORE BRANCH.

Includes Maryland, District of Columbia and Eastern Virginia, with headquarters at Baltimore.

OFFICERS.

<i>President</i>	MRS. F. A. CROOK...cor. Madison ave. and Townsend st.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i>	MISS I. HART.....176 North Calvert street.
<i>Rec. Secretary</i>	MRS. DR. C. MORGAN.....Calverton, Baltimore county.
<i>Treasurer</i>	" M. G. HAMILTON.....234 West Fayette street.

CONFERENCE AND DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

<i>Wilmington Conference (frac.)</i>	MRS. E. B. STEVENS, 1221 Market street.
<i>Virginia</i>	"
<i>Washington</i>	"
<i>Baltimore</i>	"
<i>Baltimore District</i>	MRS. H. C. TUDOR....Waverly, Baltimore county.
<i>E. Baltimore</i>	" G. G. BAKER.
<i>W.</i>	" S. M. HARTSOCK.....99 Mulberry street.
<i>Washington</i>	" S. D. LA FETRA .....Washington, D. C.
<i>Cumberland</i>	"

We were privileged to commence the year with the inspiration of the meeting of the General Executive Committee within our borders.

The tarrying with us of these holy and devoted women was indeed a blessing. Through that inspiration some new Auxiliaries were organized, others were renewed with quickened life, and many individual hearts felt the touch from which went out virtue. Through the year the influence has remained, and we believe there has been a deepening and a broadening of the work along almost all the lines. The financial receipts is the thermometer by which we generally gauge these things. That this year it falls about fifty dollars below that of last year, is deeply to be regretted, but may probably be explained in this way: The general depression in business is only too apt first to affect our gifts. The effects of the depression would be the more apparent in our Branch, because its circumscribed boundaries prevent that expansion of work or any large increase of Auxiliaries that might compensate for contraction or loss in any direction. Small as our receipts are, as compared

with other Branches, compared with the territory covered by these respective Branches, the returns are as large, or larger, than from any similar area; and it does seem a fitting matter for the consideration of this General Executive Committee, whether the time has not come for the enlargement of that area, and something nearer equalization in the size of the Branch.

Another reason the Branch does not make a larger financial showing, is the entire lack of special offerings, large gifts or bequests among its receipts. So that almost every dollar in our treasury has come through the regular channels, and represents individual thought and faith and love. And glad as we always are to have these special large gifts and bequests, we cannot but believe the deeper, broader basis for permanence and growth in our work is in these individual offerings.

Yet another cause for any deficiency may exist in the peculiar and painful providences hedging in some of its officers during much of the year, preventing that energetic and aggressive work which seems to be a condition of success. But the prayers that went up for, the benedictions that fell upon the work from the bed of the dying saint, may have wrought more for the work than would have been accomplished by the efforts that were thereby prevented.

But it would be ungrateful not to recognize the blessings and progress that have attended the work of the year. "Behold how good and pleasant it is for sisters to dwell together in unity," has been constantly illustrated in its relations and work, and too much could hardly be said of the faithfulness and devotion and loving co-operation of the various Branch officers. Then the leaven of intelligence and interest is steadily working among the members of our church in relation to the cause; the pastors are generally more than willing that it should be presented to their people, and the people are understanding that it is an indispensable factor in the coming of Christ's kingdom.

Twenty new Auxiliaries have been added to the list—620 members. But the item of greatest hope and joy is the increased interest taken by our young people in the work. More Young Ladies' Societies are being organized. One formed during the year already counts 150 members, and has paid into the Branch Treasury \$150. A proposition came from our young people at our recent annual meeting to form a Young People's Missionary Association, to meet quarterly, for better knowledge of each other and methods of work. Then it would be a sight to gladden any heart to note the Busy Bees, the Earnest Workers, the Buds of Promise, Our Little Ones, at their regular monthly meeting, or on those special occasions devised by their ingenuity, sustained by their industry, and brightened by their presence when they make special efforts for this cause. Our young people—God bless them. We sing "The Morning Light is Breaking" with stronger faith and brighter hope, because so many of them are giving their fresh, strong, earnest life to the work, and we are praying for the time when from out their ranks shall step the brightest and best with that uttermost consecration which shall lead them to offer themselves a living sacrifice for this work.

We very much regret the failure of the Branch to meet its obligation of sending a medical lady to West China this year. Diligently through the length and breadth of the land we sought for, but found her not. Shall this meeting be fruitful in finding her? The money lies waiting in our treasury to be thus used. So, as we review the year, with its shortcomings and gains, we bring it to Him for whom this work has been done, praying that He will pardon and supplement the one, that he will accept and use the other, and, above all, that He will so purge workers and work that they may be found unto glory, honor and praise at the appearing of Jesus Christ.

SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries	20 increase,	120
Members	640 "	4,640
Life members	20 "	145
Life managers		21
Subscribers to H. W. F.		862

SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries	4
Assistants	2
Bible women	10
Medical students	3
Scholarships and orphans	65

TREASURER'S REPORT.

In Treasury October 7, 1884.....	\$ 4,245 58
Receipts from auxiliaries.....	7,618 77
Total	\$11,864 35
Disbursements.....	8,609 42
Balance on hand.....	\$3,254 93

Branch Executive Meeting, first Thursday in the month, in the Lecture Room of First M. E. Church.

CINCINNATI BRANCH.

Includes Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee, with headquarters at Cincinnati.

OFFICERS.

<i>President</i>	MRS. BISHOP CLARK ...	310 Elm St., Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i>	" B. R. COWEN, 313 Kemper Lane,	Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Rec. Secretary</i>	" W. C. HAMILTON	Covington, Kentucky.
<i>Treasurer</i>	" WM. B. DAVIS.....	310 Elm St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Cincinnati Conf.</i>	MRS. J. F. LOYD.....	Hillsboro, Ohio.
<i>Ohio</i>	" J. H. CREIGHTON	Lithopolis, "

<i>Central Ohio Conf.</i>	MRS. A. S. CLASON	Delaware, Ohio.
<i>North Ohio</i>	" .. " H. BENTON	315 Franklin St., Cleveland, "
<i>East Ohio</i>	" .. " E. HINGELEY	New Philadelphia, "
<i>West Virginia</i>	" .. " T. W. CHIDESTER	Knottsville, Taylor Co., W. Va.
<i>Kentucky</i>	" .. " G. E. SAVAGE	Covington, Ky.

Another year of work in this field has been rounded up. Seed time has been followed by harvest, and the blessings that have come to us have been like the sunshine and the rain—quiet in their influence, but rich in results. With great anxiety the closing quarter of the year was waited for. In discouragements often, there were fears by the way, and, with shame it must be confessed, weak faith faltered sometimes. With another year of financial depression added to last year's embarrassments, with unexpected obstacles, and serious losses, would our bark outride the storm, and carry the bread of life to those who waited for its coming? The tokens have been rendered, and once more we write, "Goodness and mercy have followed us." How often we have to repeat to ourselves the words of the Master to Peter, when sinking in the waves: "Oh, thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?"

The Mighty One who hath hitherto supplied all our needs, hath not forgotten to be gracious, and the year closes with every obligation met, and in addition to last year's appropriation, provision has been made for sending out two Missionaries to supply the urgent need in Nagasaki and Rangoon.

Thirty-seven District Conventions have been held; seven Conference Anniversaries, and special services at eight Camp Meetings. We have been very fortunate in securing the services of a number of Missionaries home on health leave, who yet have freely given toil and care in the home field, when they could have claimed much-needed rest. Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Scott, Dr. and Mrs. N. Sites, Rev. J. E. Scott and wife (our own Emma Moore), Rev. G. I. Stone, and last but not least, Miss Holbrook, whom not having seen, we yet have loved and prayed for for seven years, have given service that will bear fruit in rich returns. Most grateful mention is made of the sweet spirit of union and christian love that has been exhibited among our home workers. They have given care and labor, and much patient waiting, most unselfishly to this work for Christ's sake—who knoweth it all—and the reward is sure.

During the year fifty-one new Auxiliaries, two Young Ladies' Societies, and fifteen Bands have been organized. As we have only counted the living working Auxiliaries, the aggregation is not as large as might be expected with this increase. The work increases in interest among the young people, and the discipline and training received in their organizations are being felt in other branches of church work. Verily our young girls "have a mind to work," and by turning their labors into this unselfish channel we enrich their whole lives, and bring a powerful factor for good into our home churches. Two thousand Branch Annuals and 600 General Executive Reports have been distributed, while leaflets have been sown broadcast. Great satisfaction has been expressed with the leaflets this year, and those bearing on our "uniform study" have been

gladly welcomed. Though the numbers circulated were largely in advance of any previous year, still, there have been none to spare.

It is a matter of regret that our subscription to the *Heathen Woman's Friend* is seventy-three under that of last year. Vigorous work is pledged to repair the waste places.

A sudden emergency called for immediate help in Rangoon. Miss Julia Wisner seemed providentially called to fill the place, but the heavy appropriations taken last year left no provision for sending out Missionaries. A circular letter sent out, addressed specially to the Young People's Societies, brought in enough in extra offerings to send her to Rangoon, and she sailed October 21st. The wonderful opening in Kiu Sin, and Miss Russell's pleading for more helpers, emboldened us to ask leave to send Miss M. J. Elliott to Nagasaki, and she turns her face Westward. We are glad to say others are saying, "Here am I, send me." Those who, though in this favored land are "heirs to all the ages, in the foremost ranks of time," yet loving not home and fatherland less, but Jesus more, ask to carry light to the dark places of the earth.

"If service is the highest lot,
And angels know no higher bliss,
Then with what good her cup is fraught,
Who was created but for this."

May God multiply them a hundredfold, and help us all to realize what it is to give, not the service of a hireling, but the glad allegiance of children of the King.

While deploring our failures, often our unbelief at times, giving God all the glory for the deliverance wrought, we stand on the threshold of another year, and while we know not what lies before us, we do know, by blessed experience

"Oh, earthly flock, fear not forevermore,
Where'er we walk our Shepherd goes before."

SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries	51 new ones,	640
Young Ladies' Societies.....	12 " "	67
Bands.....	15 " "	87
Life patrons.....		4
Life managers.....	7 " "	75
Life members	115 " "	1,040
Members		12,500
Members Young Ladies' Societies and Bands.....		3,900
Subscribers to H. W. F.		2,549
Mite boxes and jugs		3,470

SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries	12
East India zenana teachers.....	2
Bible women in India	27
Bible women in China	18

Bible women in Italy.....	2
Day schools in India.....	28
Day schools in China.....	6
Day schools in Bulgaria	1
Day schools in Mexico.....	1
Scholarships in India	42
Scholarships in Japan.....	24
Scholarships in China	18
Orphans in India	32
Orphans in Mexico.....	4
One boarding school and half support of two others.	
Sent abroad for new buildings.....	\$5,300 00

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts—From Cincinnati Conference	\$6,199 57
“ Ohio Conference	5,474 13
“ North Ohio Conference.....	2,403 24
“ East Ohio Conference.....	4,623 35
“ Central Ohio Conference.....	1,946 60
“ Kentucky Conference.....	1,000 00
“ West Virginia Conference	651 57
“ Other services	805 53
Receipts from October 1, 1884, to October 1, 1885.....	\$23,103 99
Balance from last year.....	3,592 29
Total	\$26,696 28
Disbursements	23,385 13
Balance on hand.....	3,311 15

REQUESTS.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bedford, Springboro, Ohio.....	100 00
Mrs. Eliza A. Newman, Dayton, Ohio.....	250 00
Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper, Reynoldsburg, Ohio.....	189 24

NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

Includes Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin, with headquarters at Chicago.

OFFICERS.

<i>President</i>	MRS. ISAAC R. HITT.....	Evanston, Ill.
<i>Corresponding Sec.</i> “	THOS. A. HILL, 36 Oakwood Boulevard. Chicago,	“
<i>Recording Sec.</i>	“ L. A. CALDER.....	Evanston, “
<i>Treasurer</i>	“ F. P. CRANDON.....	“ “

CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Rock River</i>	MRS. C. E. MANDEVILLE.....	Oak Park, Ill.
<i>Central Illinois</i> ... “	J. W. STARK.....	Rock Island, “
<i>Illinois</i>	“ J. A. DOUGHERTY.....	Jacksonville, “
<i>Southern Illinois</i> .. “	M. E. SLADE.....	Vandalia, “

<i>Indiana</i>	MRS. EMILY F. KELLY	Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>North Indiana</i>	" B. SMITH	Muncie, "
<i>Northwest Indiana</i> ..	" A. C. MCKINSEY	Monticello, "
<i>Southeast Indiana</i> .	" KATE L. HAYNES	Connersville, "
<i>Detroit</i>	" F. D. YORK	Belleville, Mich.
<i>Michigan</i>	" E. A. HOAG	Martin, "
<i>Wisconsin</i>	" E. M. WILSON	Breenah, Wis.
<i>West Wisconsin</i> ...	" L. LAWSON	Madison "

With gratitude acknowledging the deeper spiritual life which the work of our Society has brought to hundreds of our home workers, we come, bringing the record of our year's endeavors, though incompletely set forth, as they needs must be, in an aggregated report.

The standing committees have been instant in season and out of season, giving much of time and labor in their distinctive work. The Publication Committee have sent forth leaflets by the thousand, and reports by the hundreds, and appeals and circulars in large numbers. The Missionary Literature Committee have not been inactive, but hope, by a furtherance of plans now being inaugurated, to greatly add to the present distribution of missionary intelligence.

The mite boxes have become a mighty standing, pleading army, the present year adding 5373 to their already widely extended ranks. The Photograph Committee was requested, at our annual meeting, to make a new departure, and to publish a small leaflet to accompany each photograph, giving a few facts concerning the lady photographed. The securing these facts has involved a very large correspondence, and the result has been very satisfactory so far as knowledge of the missionaries is concerned, and we trust that when more intelligence concerning the matter is diffused, that the pecuniary results may be equally satisfactory.

Regarding the fund for publishing a zenana paper, our report is not as good as we could have desired, the amount raised being only \$723. The Medical Candidate Committee turned from giving a farewell clasp of the hand to one who had been under their care for three years, to welcome another applicant to their friendly offices and fellowship.

Of bequests we have received four thousand dollars from the estate of Mrs. D. C. Scofield, of Elgin, Ill.; also, six hundred dollars, bequeathed us by Hon. John E. Stillman, of Eau Claire, Wisconsin; besides several smaller amounts from others who have exchanged labor for reward.

The quarterly report of the Branch Corresponding Secretary has been, the last two quarters of the year, published and sent to every Auxiliary in the Branch. By resolution of the annual meeting, the experiment becomes the rule hereafter.

The children have shown such interest in the missionary cause, that at the last annual meeting a constitution and by-laws were adopted for use in their

societies, which should be organized not in but outside of the Sunday schools.

The meetings of the Executive Committee have been very faithfully attended every two weeks of the entire year. A printed letter of dismissal and recommendation, to be given to our sisters who were about to remove to other locations, has been prepared, and in one conference alone 168 of its workers were thus provided with a passport to fellowship and active usefulness. "A training school for missionaries" has also been established in Chicago, which has our most hearty endorsement. Our Society is represented on its Board of Managers; also, in the School and Home by two ladies preparing for future missionary work. Our attention has been called to the desirability of establishing societies among the Germans and Scandinavians of Wisconsin, and in our large cities, and efforts are being made so to do. During the year we have again taken Miss Gertrude Howe as our own missionary; have sent Dr. Anna Gloss to Tientsin, China, and Miss Emma M. Hall to Italy. The free-will offerings have not been lacking. Many boxes of presents have been sent to foreign teachers and scholars, and the annual thank-offering day, the 17th of March, was almost universally observed. The offerings amounted to \$3,282. During the year over three hundred and fifty public meetings have been held, and there have also been held six thousand monthly gatherings in the interests of our work. In the assemblies of the coming year, may there be more constant attendance, more generous gifts, and more devout supplications to a prayer-hearing Father, and these be attended by even greater results at home and abroad.

SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries.....	915
Members.....	19,000
Life members.....	2,170
Honorary managers.....	53
Honorary patrons.....	11
Subscribers to H. W. F.....	4,835

SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries.....	12
Assistants.....	19
Bible women.....	9
Orphans and scholarships.....	112
Day schools.....	12
Sent for new buildings, and, etc.....	\$9,000

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand October 1, 1884.....	\$ 7,235 15
Received during the year.....	37,148 88
Total.....	\$43,384 03
Disbursements.....	39,656 10
Balance on hand.....	\$ 3,727 43

RECEIPTS BY CONFERENCES.

Detroit Conference	\$ 3,740 92
Michigan Conference.....	5,681 92
Rock River Conference.....	10,122 77
Central Illinois Conference.....	1,484 65
Illinois Conference	2,512 59
Southern Illinois Conference.	936 05
Indiana Conference.....	781 36
Northwest Indiana Conference	2,124 21
North Indiana Conference.....	2,372 72
Southeast Indiana Conference.	2,273 78
Wisconsin Conference.....	2,315 97
West Wisconsin Conference	1,143 61
Miscellaneous sources	907 77
Total	\$36,398 32
Less medical education fund	249 44
	<u>\$36,148 88</u>

Branch Executive Meeting the second and fourth Fridays of each month, at 9 30 A. M., 161 La Salle street, Chicago.

DES MOINES BRANCH.

Includes Iowa and Missouri, with headquarters at Des Moines.

OFFICERS.

<i>President</i>	MRS. MARY S. HUSTON.....	Burlington, Iowa.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i>	" L. D. CARHART.....	Marion, "
<i>Rec. Secretary</i>	" B. GATCHELL.....	Des Moines, "
<i>Treasurer</i>	" E. K. STANLEY.....	Des Moines, "

CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Iowa</i>	MRS. M. B. POWER.....	Albia, Iowa.
<i>Des Moines</i>	MISS L. PEARSON.....	Des Moines, "
<i>Upper Iowa</i>	DR. MARY W. PORTER.....	Davenport, "
<i>N. W. Iowa</i>	MRS. ISABEL G. WHITFIELD.....	Sioux City, "
<i>St. Louis</i>	" ADA B. HAGERTY.....	St. Louis, Mo.
<i>Missouri</i>	MISS LAURA CRAIN	Brookfield, Mo.

"Watchman, what of the night?" As this inquiry has passed along our lines to our secretaries, the answer has echoed back, "The morning cometh." As in individual lives there often come long seasons wherein we realize "the trial of our faith worketh patience, and patience experience, and experience hope," so we have proven this year in our Branch. We do not even yet seem to have entirely recovered from the depletion of members and strength occasioned by the division of the Western Branch. We believe the division was wisely made, for as the smaller territory becomes each year more thoroughly

developed, the aggregate appropriations from the States formerly composing the Western Branch will be greatly increased.

We have sorely felt the need of some one in the field who could organize new Auxiliaries, and encourage those already existing. The way for such personal visitation has seemed entirely closed, and we have been obliged to throw all this work upon our faithful Conference and District Secretaries, who are not women of leisure, but in most cases having home cares not a few, and several of them the added arduous duties of the pastor's wife.

In the middle of the year we found ourselves with a deficiency in our treasury. Sometimes, in our anxiety, we almost forgot to cast "all our care upon Him, knowing this work is of His power, by His direction, and for His glory." When we felt very confident we were using our utmost endeavor to accomplish our aim, what remained for us to do farther? Simply this, with prayer and thanksgiving to make known our wants unto Him, and without anxiety to trust Him for final results. What is our experience? He has supplied all our need, and taught us a deeper meaning in His word "all."

We are glad there has been no change in our Executive Board. Our former President, Mrs. Craig, has been afflicted with total blindness, but through outward darkness her heart rejoices in the light of His countenance. At a meeting at Des Moines First Church, on our day of fasting and prayer, she gave as her thank-offering five dollars, which sum was afterwards increased to one hundred and fifteen, and appropriated to make Miss L. Pierson, Secretary of Des Moines Conference, Life Manager.

The vacancy in Missouri Conference is now well filled by Miss Laura Crain, of Brookfield, Mo., as Secretary. The remaining Conferences in our Branch have done well under the faithful services of their former secretaries, whose names have been as a talisman of good for many years.

Of most of our Auxiliaries, it may be said they have done what they could. Many have manifested unusual interest this year, giving beyond their assessment. They have been prompt and business like in monthly meetings, have furnished excellent quarterly public programs, and have shown skill and tact in the management of tea meetings and special entertainments. Some have become discouraged, and have fallen out by the way, but their places have been filled by organization of new Societies.

We have distributed to churches and Auxiliaries within the Branch, through our Conference and District Secretaries 6,950 circulars, showing the territory already occupied and the land to be possessed. The duty of every woman in the church to be a member of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and special appeals for Christmas and Easter offerings, and a call for a day of fasting and prayer. We received over \$200 each for Christmas and Easter offering. To our day of prayer the Lord gave special answer, enabling us to meet all our obligations, and among the responses, some unknown friend, prompted by His Holy Spirit, sent us \$150. We have distributed 1,000 Branch Reports. Leaflets have been freely scattered, and the claims of the *Heathen*

Woman's Friend urged. We regret to record a small decrease in our number of subscribers, but will try for better things another year. Our District meetings have been seasons of unusual interest—fine programs well carried out, thoroughly prepared papers on the various phases of our work have increased courage, given renewed enthusiasm, and strengthened faith. Our annual meeting at Sedalia, Mo., was one of spiritual power, and left upon all hearts a sweet benediction, an earnest of higher, holier resolve and broader work.

We have great encouragement in Miss Dreyer's work among the German churches. These, though often financially feeble, are rich in faith and good works, often giving more in proportion to their means than their sisters in more favored churches.

A number of ladies within our Branch have presented their names this year as Missionary candidates. Some with the desire to enter immediately upon the work, others for preparation. One young lady, Miss Anna Lawson, of Ottumwa, has been accepted, and we shall be glad to feel that the first one to go out from our new Branch is one diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord—happy to count her among the number of those whose rare gifts and excellent qualities have given them a place among "the stars that shall shine forever and ever."

The year's work is done and our record rendered. Our Missionaries have broken the alabaster box, fragrant with the perfume of love, prayer and self-sacrifice. We at home have had royal privileges as daughters of the King, having not only had a place in the royal household, but have been granted a share in the work of the Kingdom. For the coming year may our love be more absorbing, our prayers more earnest, our toil incessant, our faith without a doubt—bringing the best we have to His service, that the children may be taught of the Lord, and our sisters in sin-stricken harem or secluded zenana may feel the power of the cleansing blood, and behold the light of the Son of Righteousness.

SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries	312
Members.....	5,628
Life members.....	550
Honorary managers	20
Life patrons.....	5.
Young Ladies' Societies	28
Bands	5
Subscribers to H. W. F.....	1,186

SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries	2
Teachers	1
Bible readers	7
Orphans	40
Day schools	1
Scholarships	14

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand October 1, 1884	\$ 905 00
Received during the year	9,584 05
Total	\$10,489 05
Disbursements	10,093 88
Balance on hand October 1, 1885	\$ 395 17

MINNEAPOLIS BRANCH.

Includes Minnesota and Dakota, with headquarters at Minneapolis. Organized December 18, 1883.

OFFICERS.

<i>President</i>	MRS. EMILY HUNTINGTON MILLER	St. Paul, Minn.
<i>Rec. Secretary</i>	J. M. HEARD	Minneapolis, "
<i>Cor. Secretary</i>	MARY C. NIND	" "
<i>Treasurer</i>	W. M. HARRISON, 802 2d av.	South Minneapolis.

CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Minnesota Con.</i>	MRS. CHARLOTTE S. WINCHELL, E.	Minneapolis, Minn.
<i>Dakota Mission Con.</i>	I. M. HARTSOUGH	Sioux Falls, D. T.
<i>German Work</i>	MISS MAGGIE DREYER	Armstrong, Kansas.

The second Missionary year in our history has ended, the books are closed, the accounts balanced, the record made by us is on hearts, lives and work, and with "Him whose eyes are in every place, beholding the evil and the good."

It has been a year of peculiar experiences, and of the trial of our faith. Sickness, affliction, bereavement, has been the lot of some of the Branch officers. The feet that have been wont to travel have had to lie still or move limpingly, while the right hand of another lost for a time its cunning, the eyes of the German Conference Secretary for months were under the care of an oculist, the South Dakota Secretary had to leave her home and go East with an invalid daughter, and our President was obliged to seek a warmer climate in Florida. But little aggressive work has been done by them.

Then there have been times of financial straitness, when, as the quarterly remittances were to be made, the officers looked each other in the face with commingled anxiety and hope, remembering the promise, "The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth and delivereth them out of all their troubles." They cried, the Lord did hear and did deliver, and gave us the "garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness."

At a time when the treasury was well nigh empty, at the close of the second quarter, a \$500 bequest was secured, the first the executor had been allowed to settle, and we were glad and grateful again. We have not been unmindful that while we "trust in the Lord," we are also commanded to be

"diligent in business as well as fervent in spirit," so we have sought to use all the means we could command while the Lord shut us in. In April a "memorial call" brought us about \$200. In August, at the suggestion of Mrs. Prescott Vane, a call for prayer that the needed amount, \$1,500, might be secured before the 30th day of September, was made. Prayer was offered, plans were laid and carried out, some prayer meetings were followed, others accompanied by donations, and "He who is able to do exceeding abundantly" has given us more than we asked of Him. To Him be all the glory.

The calls were sent to every charge in Oregon, Columbia River Conference, Montana Mission and Dakota, as well as in the Minnesota Conference. Soon came a report from the indefatigable Secretary, Mrs. Tarr, of Columbia River Conference, of the first Auxiliary organized in Salem, Oregon, by Mrs. M. B. Wire, formerly a student at Evanston, now the wife of the pastor of the church from whose parsonage Bishop E. O. Haven went to glory.

At the meeting of the Conference Mrs. Wire was asked to address the Conference in the interest of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and much interest was elicited, and more organizations are expected to follow the one in Salem.

Montana Mission has only one Auxiliary, at Fort Benton. The sons of this dear Secretary support an orphan in India.

Columbia River Conference includes part of Oregon, part of Idaho, and part of Wyoming Territory, and has two Auxiliaries within its bounds. Mrs. L. Tarr, Conference Secretary, is still pleading for some one to visit this new country, where there is no enthusiasm in our work, but where they have reached the million line for our General Missionary Society. After Conference she wrote: "I am too timid to do much in a public way, but secured the services of Bishop Walden for an address. Dr. Hines, of the P. C. A., gave a good talk. Distributed the literature as judiciously as I could, and had a meeting with the Ministers' wives." This Conference has sent a fine financial report.

North Dakota Mission—Mrs. D. C. Plannette Conference Secretary. Her report shows growth; more Auxiliaries and Bands, and as a result more money. Fargo Auxiliary, which a year since had about concluded to disband, now leads in Dakota. The anniversary at Conference was deeply interesting, Bishop Walden rendering valuable aid. Mrs. Plannette was made a life member in afternoon session.

In South Dakota Mission but little has been done. During the winter the Secretary, Mrs. I. M. Hartsough was absorbed in evangelistic labor, and since then has been at Clifton Springs with an invalid daughter. There is a vast territory here that needs organizing, and we hope to enter it soon.

German Work, Northwest German Conference.—Miss Maggie Dreyer, Secretary, who has efficiently prosecuted the work within the bounds of our Branch. The Corresponding Secretary was privileged for the first time to attend the session of the Northwest German Conference, and with the Secre-

tary hold two meetings, one with the sisters, the other on Sunday afternoon, in the spacious tent with the great congregation. The results were manifest in the attention given, the hearty responsiveness, and last but not least, in a good collection. We must lay broader plans for our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, in connection with our German Methodism. Our German brethren and sisters know how to save, and how to give, and in these respects are an example to us.

The annual report shows that though the Secretary of the Minnesota Conference, Mrs. Winchell, was laid aside nearly all the winter months, the work of the Conference has moved on. The interest among the young people has greatly increased. Some of our charges have three societies in them, Senior, Junior, and Mission Band.

The monthly meetings in this Conference are increasing in interest and attendance, the Lesson Leaf, in connection with the Uniform Lessons, is being used, and to these we owe much of the added information which, under the Divine blessing, begets enthusiasm.

More mite chests are in circulation than last year, and the Birthday Offering, which was commenced last year, is swelling the amount sent to the treasury. Leaflets have been widely and generously distributed each year. These messengers become more and more valuable, and to Mrs. Gracey we are more and more indebted.

We are seeking to establish circulating libraries in each Auxiliary, the Auxiliaries or some individual purchasing the books, and charging five and ten cents a week to those who read them, and using the surplus funds for the purchase of other books, so adding to the library. The bequest of \$500 from Mrs. Deibelbries, formerly a member of Centenary Church, Minneapolis, came to us in a time of need, and relieved us from embarrassment.

We have now within the bounds of this Conference a sisterhood of at least 7,000, and our main dependance is on this State. We hope this year will chronicle the doubling of our membership.

Our Conference Anniversary was one long to be remembered. The report of the Conference Secretary was full of interest to the preachers and their wives. Dr. W. A. Spencer delivered an address replete with stirring facts, holy enthusiasm, and godly eloquence, and sang with the spirit and the understanding. A collection followed, and Mr. and Mrs. Spencer were made life members of the Minneapolis Branch.

The annual meeting at Onatonna was a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. The delegates were some of our best women; the papers read of a high order; reports full of encouragement; devotional meetings spiritual and fervent. We were highly favored in the presence of Mrs. Julia Lore McGrew. She was with us all through our meeting, giving us facts and suggestions, and encouraging us "in our work of faith and labor of love." She and Mrs. E. H. Miller held a meeting on Sunday afternoon with the children of the Sabbath schools, which will never be forgotten by the children

or adults who were present. In the evening Mrs. McGrew addressed a large congregation, on whom a solemn hush rested, and we felt the Holy Spirit brooded over us. At the close Mrs. McGrew was made a life member of the Onatonna Auxiliary. Our meeting was one of great harmony.

Heathen Woman's Friend.—We rejoice to know that our subscription to this, our paper, is larger than last year, and trust this will be our record each succeeding year. The increasê of our membership and the stability thereof, depends largely on the information secured, the knowledge of the work at home and abroad, stimulating zeal, strengthening faith, and increasing fervent prayer.

We assumed last year \$4,419, an advance of \$800 over the preceding year. We have met all our obligations, and our balance is twice as large as last year. The Executive Committee, at the annual meeting, resolved on advance, and pledge the Branch for \$5,000 this year, and expect to raise it.

Such is a brief summary of the work of the Minneapolis Branch. I does not represent a tithe of what has been done in detail—the meetings held, the prayers offered, the faith exercised, the seed sown, the sheaves gathered, the tears shed, the doxologies sung, the letters written and received, the gifts on God's altar from the rich and the poor, the donations of the saints on earth, the bequests of those who are now in heaven. All is known to Him who "walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks," and who saith, "I know thy works."

SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries	2 increase,	94
Members	174 "	2,393
Life members	25 "	168
Life managers	6 "	25
Life patrons		3
Mite boxes		300
Subscribers to H. W. F	51 new ones,	655

SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Orphans in India	15
Scholarships in India	19
Scholarships in China	31
Scholarships in Japan	6
Scholarships in Bulgaria	8
Teachers	9
Matrons	2
Bible readers	5
Money expended in buildings, etc	\$1,717 00

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand October 1, 1884	\$ 538 94
Receipts for the year	5,422 11
Total	\$5 961 05
Disbursements	4,655 19
Balance on hand	\$1,305 86

CONFERENCES AND MISSIONS.

Bequest	\$ 500 00
Minnesota	3,327 90
German.....	682 08
Columbia River.....	106 40
Idaho	23 50
Puget Sound	12 00
Oregon.....	60 75
Dakota Mission	143 18
North Dakota Mission	268 49
Montana Mission.....	42 60
Total	<u>\$5,166 90</u>

TOPEKA BRANCH.

Includes Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming Territory, with headquarters at Topeka, Kansas.

OFFICERS.

<i>President</i>	MRS. BISHOP NINDE.....	Topeka, Kan.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i>	" H. E. M. PATTEE.....	Williamsburg, "
<i>Rec. Secretary</i>	" J. E. TORRINGTON.....	38 E. 6th st., Topeka, "
<i>Treasurer</i>	" M. J. SHELLEY.....	Wymore, Neb.

CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Kansas</i>	MRS. REBA FREEMAN.....	Wyandotte, Kan.
<i>South Kansas</i>	" KATE M. RHOADS.....	Chanute, "
<i>N. W. Kansas</i>	" F. D. BAKER.....	Clyde, "
<i>S. W. Kansas</i>	" C. A. LOOSE	Peabody, "
<i>Nebraska</i>	MISS MARY K. WALTERS.....	1124 L st., Lincoln, "
<i>North Nebraska</i> ..	Mrs. HATTIE HAROVER, 1512 Davenport st., Omaha,	"
<i>West Nebraska</i>	" EMMA REEDER SMITH.....	Plumb Creek, "
<i>Colorado</i>	" O. L. FISHER.....	59 Central st., Denver, Col.
<i>German</i>	MISS MAGGIE DREYER	Armstrong, Kan.

As Christ's toilers—nay, as His honored co-workers, we gather at another annual roll call, to bring in and note our gleanings, to feel the courage of each others' presence, and to unitedly praise our Guide in grateful recognition of His tender leadings through the trials and victories of another year, "Grace sufficient." His "I will be with thee," has been our daily strength and made every trial an open door to victory. Each worker has an unwritten history that to her experience and growth is more precious than gold. Every dollar has been met. Nearly every conference has overmet its apportionment, and doxologies fill our hearts; and we sing, "And toil for Him is sweet; Lord, if I may, I'll serve another day!"

Our hope, a year ago, of district conventions over the Branch, has been happily realized in many districts, and others are coming into line. These

conventions have been of untold aid in the dissemination of interest and information, and a credit to our grand corps of district secretaries.

A happy feature of our work this year, we record in the continually awakening and increasing interest among the children and young people; and we gratefully note their eagerness to do more for those who sit in heathen darkness.

God bless the beautiful love and zeal in our twenty young societies. Our latest born is in the Methodist Episcopal College at York, Nebraska, and has fifty-one members of much promise. Nearly all of these societies have enthusiastically undertaken the support of special work.

One young lady of the South West Kansas Conference, with her heart warmed with the Christ-love and missionary spirit, has contributed over \$100 for a Bible reader in Mexico, and special work in China.

One of Christ's little ones, not six years old, a regular member of a senior society, however, in Denver, went out on frosty, bitter mornings of last December, and gathered up \$6.00, that the little children of dark idolatry might know that they, too, were Christ's little ones.

Our band of Conference Secretaries have made good records, and at no time since our existence as a Branch has so systematic labor been accomplished.

The work of the senior societies all over our Branch, forms a bright mosaic of skillful planning, of loving gifts and sacrifices, which blessed record the Master keeps.

Tea and public meetings, flag festivals, mite boxes, quilts, one of which has brought \$58.00; fairs and photographs, boquets and books, have each contributed its share in bringing up our apportionment for the year.

Dr. Bushnell has rendered marked service in her timely addresses in different portions of the Branch.

Thousands of leaflets have been sent out through the Branch, beside much other literature, and 400 General and 1000 Branch Reports have been largely sold.

Through the generosity of Mrs. Jennie F. Willing, we have received 100 copies of "Rosario."

We are happy to record that over 11,000 copies of "Sister Ridnour's Sacrifice" have been sold in the Branches, and that the publishers now offer the large royalty of 50 per cent. on each copy of this delightful work, prepared by our own Mrs. C. F. Wilder, and lovingly laid on Christ's altar for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Desiring that our departed Dr. Gilchrist might still plead for his "beloved Chinese," 1,000 copies of his "Life" were laid on the table of the Branch in March, and a second edition of the same number has since been issued.

The most notable feature of our work for the year has been the praise and thank offering meetings for Mexico in April. The general heartiness and enthusiasm with which this was taken hold of by our societies, and the loving skill and Christian spirit manifested, are very noteworthy. We are sure

Mexico is nearer and dearer, because of the many papers prepared, prayers offered, and loving offerings made for this people, enslaved by Papal power.

Enthusiastic reports came in from different parts of the Branch services, each of which would be interesting in detail, but space forbids, and we will only add to the praise of our dear Redeemer, that He gave the thought of this praise service for Mexico, and it was developed under His leading, and made a blessing in all respects—bringing hundreds of dollars to our treasury. “In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.”

Almost tearfully I lay down the work which has grown dearer with the years, as three times three they have gone by since the Master said: “Do this for Me.” Now, as other work for Him fills my hands, it seems His leading to relinquish this, but on my heart will ever remain the prayer: “Thy Kingdom come,” until all “that sit in darkness shall see a great light.”*

SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries.. .. .	190
Members	4,309
Life members.....	309
Honorary managers.....	10
Life patrons	1
Young Ladies' Societies.....	20
Bands	7
Subscribers to H. W. F.....	1,070

SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries	2
Bible readers.....	7
Teachers.....	4
Orphans	37
Scholarships	22

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance from last year.....	\$ 121 03
Receipts for the year.....	7,135 89
Total	\$7,256 92
Disbursements	6,929 58
Balance on hand.....	327 34
Total.....	\$7,256 92

*Mrs. H. M. Shattuck, the efficient Secretary of this Branch for the last two years.

HOME STATISTICS.

BRANCHES.	Auxiliaries.	Increase.	Members.	Increase.	Life Members.	Increase.	Life Managers.	Increase.	Life Patrons.	Increase.	Mite Boxes.	Subscriptions to H. W. Friend.	Receipts.	Zenana Paper Fund.	Increase.
New England.	419	21	11,025	457	946	87	38	5	12	2	1,375	3,006	\$25,286 07	\$2,685 42	285 42
New York . . .	710	135	26,243	4,244	1,059	78	70	12	12	1	4,040	3,394	27,836 91	1,973 51	605 92
Philadelphia . .	370	30	11,909	750	335	38	20	4	4	1	952	1,947	15,057 05	3,519 31	863 38
Baltimore . . .	120	20	4,640	640	145	20	21	4	4	...	1,040	862	7,618 77	2,295 70	280 15
Cincinnati . . .	640	51	12,500	50	1,090	115	67	5	9	5	3,470	2,549	23,103 99	2,510 00	511 39
Northwestern .	915	51	19,000	...	2,170	238	53	13	11	5	5,373	4,835	36,378 32	1,844 79	727 62
Des Moines . .	307	26	5,628	558	550	...	20	3	5	1	...	1,186	9,584 05	660 00	165 08
Minneapolis . .	94	9	2,393	174	168	25	25	6	3	...	300	655	5,422 11	354 00	147 31
Topeka	190	14	4,309	296	309	65	10	3	1	...	...	4,070	7,135 89	389 45	90 63
Total	3,760	357	97,647	3,361	6,742	666	324	47	61	15	15,510	19,502	\$157,442 66	\$16,273 18	\$3,672 82

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

WHEREAS, The *Heathen Woman's Friend* has proved a powerful factor in our work, a necessity to its intelligent growth, and a blessing to the women of our beloved Methodism; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That Mrs. William F. Warren be continued as editor of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, at a salary of \$700 per year, and a sufficient amount to cover incidental expenses.

WHEREAS, A studious examination of the itemized accounts of the agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* shows a wise management and careful, economical use of the funds; and

WHEREAS, The amount of painstaking, clerical labor bestowed upon the paper justly demands better recognition on the part of the Society;

2. *Resolved*, That Miss Pauline J. Walden be continued as agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, with a salary of \$700, and a sufficient amount to meet the incidental expenses of the office.

3. *Resolved*, That the sincere thanks of the Executive Committee be extended to Mr. A. S. Weed for services rendered as auditor of the accounts of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and a continuation of the service be requested.

WHEREAS, The accounts of the Leaflet Committee are found by examination to be correct and properly vouched; and

WHEREAS, The leaflets published by our Society are an indispensable agency in the prosecution of our work;

4. *Resolved*, That their publication be continued, and that Mrs. J. T. Gracey be requested to remain the wise and faithful manager of the same.

5. *Resolved*, That the name and address of the Leaflet Committee be retained in each issue of the *Friend*.

6. *Resolved*, That leaflets, especially adapted to the young, be published in yet larger numbers than during the past year.

7. *Resolved*, That in view of the urgent call for missionary intelligence from our German constituency, we recommend the publication of leaflets for their use in their own language.

WHEREAS, Outgoing missionaries are often seriously embarrassed in deciding upon what is necessary for their outfit;

8. *Resolved*, That we recommend that the Committee on Leaflets publish a list of such articles as experience has proven necessary.

WHEREAS, We believe it would be helpful to our auxiliaries to know what leaflets are now in print;

9. *Resolved*, That a classified list of leaflets be printed in the January number of the *Friend*; also, that as new leaflets are published during the year, they be announced in the columns of the *Friend*.

10. *Resolved*, That an appropriation of \$700 be made from the surplus funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* for the publication of leaflets, and that \$400 be appropriated for the committee from the same source to procure such assistance as the work demands.

11. *Resolved*, That the Branch treasurers be requested to omit all *special* items from their monthly reports, aggregating the items reported by each Auxiliary into a single amount, thus economizing space in the *Friend*, and diminishing the labor of our hard-worked treasurers.

12. *Resolved*, That Mrs. H. B. Skidmore be requested to reply to the letter of Mr. Eugene Smith, sent by him through her to the Executive Committee.

13. *Resolved*, That in view of the development of our work, we recommend the addition of four pages to the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

14. *Resolved*, That in response to the call for missionary information in the German language, we recommend that steps be taken to meet this demand monthly during the coming year.

WHEREAS, The uniform plan of study brought before us in the columns of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* the past year has proved a very suggestive source of information; therefore,

15. *Resolved*, That we request Mrs. H. Benton to continue this favor, making such changes as her experience may indicate, and calling such ladies to her assistance as the work may demand.

16. *Resolved*, That we continue to publish in the Annual Report the rules for pronunciation of foreign names.

17. *Resolved*, That we emphasize our former request for the publication in the *Heathen Woman's Friend* of facts concerning our outgoing missionaries.

WHEREAS, Some of the By-Laws by which we are governed do not appear in the later reports,

18. *Resolved*, That the committee for publishing the Sixteenth Annual Report be requested to revise and re-edit the By-Laws, so that all may appear in the report.

19. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Executive Committee are due Mrs. B. R. Cowen for the valuable service rendered in the preparation of the Fifteenth Annual Report, and we request that, with the assistance of Mrs. W. B. Davis, of Cincinnati, she undertake the publication of the Sixteenth Annual Report, the expense to be defrayed from the surplus funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

20. *Resolved*, That the proceedings of this General Executive Committee meeting be published in the December number of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, as heretofore, and that the reports of the standing committees be also published in the Sixteenth Annual Report.

MRS. D. C. OLMSTEAD, *Chairman*.

MRS. C. S. WINCHELL, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

1. WHEREAS, The committee have found the papers of Miss Hattie L. Ayers satisfactory ; therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend her acceptance as a missionary, when she shall have reached the prescribed age .

2. WHEREAS, We find the testimonials of Miss Oriel M. Miller entirely satisfactory ; therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend her acceptance and appointment.

3. Having examined the testimonials of Miss Lydia J. Wyckoff, and also having been permitted a personal interview ; therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend her as a medical missionary when she shall present the required diploma.

4. WHEREAS, The testimonials of Miss Estella C. Long have been found satisfactory, with the exception of the health certificate ; and whereas there is a prospect of her full restoration to health ; therefore,

Resolved, That her case, for the present be left with the Northwestern Branch Committee on Missionary Candidates, with the request that they give it special and immediate attention, with the view of removing this slight barrier.

5. WHEREAS, We find the testimonials of Miss Marietta Green, as to Christian character, work, and education of a high order, but the prescribed health certificate and printed questions to missionary candidates do not appear ; therefore,

Resolved. That we recommend her acceptance as a missionary when these papers shall be supplied.

MRS. F. G. HIBBARD, *Chairman*.

MRS. E. B. STEVENS, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEW WORK.

1. WHEREAS, It seemed impossible to open work in Nanking for want of means ; and whereas, God has unexpectedly supplied this need in the munificent gift from a friend ; therefore,

Resolved, That we accept with gratitude the gift, and recommend the opening of work in Nanking as soon as practicable.

2. WHEREAS, The Lord has gone before and stirred the willing heart of a woman of the Minneapolis Branch, who will provide the funds requisite to commence work at Singapore, and as mention is made of women adapted to the service who are available; therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend the opening of work at that point as soon as practicable.

MRS. F. G. HIBBARD, *Chairman*.

MRS. E. B. STEVENS, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Official Correspondents.

- MRS. SKIDMORE—Rohilkund District (India), Central China, Korea.
 MRS. ALDERMAN—North China, Yokohama (Japan), South America.
 MRS. KEEN—Tokio (Japan), Mexico.
 MISS HART—Foochow (China), West China.
 MRS. COWEN—Oudh District (India), Nagasaki (Japan).
 MRS. HILL—Bombay (S. India), Bulgari, Italy.
 MRS. NIND—South India.
 MRS. CARHART—Kumaon District (India).
 MRS. PATTEE—Hakodati (Japan).

Foreign Treasurers.

- North India*—Miss L. E. Blackmar, Lucknow.
Bombay—Miss S. DeLine, Bombay.
South India—Dr. Thoburn, Calcutta
Foochow—Miss Carrie Jewell, Foochow.
North China—Miss A. B. Sears, Peking.
Central China—Miss M. C. Robinson, Chin Kiang.
West China—Miss F. Wheeler, Chung King.
Wuhu—Mrs. J. C. Jackson, Wuhu.
Tokio—Miss M. A. Spencer, Tokio.
Hakodati—Miss M. Hampton, Hakodati.
Nagasaki—Miss E. Russell.
Yokohama—Mrs. C. Van Petten.
Italy—Mrs. L. M. Vernon, Rome.
Bulgaria—Miss L. Schenck, Loftcha.
Montevideo—Mr. T. B. Wood.
Buenos Ayres—Miss J. E. Goodenough.
Rosario—Miss J. M. Chapin.
Mexico—Miss M. De F. Loyd.
Pachuca—Miss M. Hastings.

MISCELLANEOUS.

In reference to the Training School, the following resolution was passed:

WHEREAS, The General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society have heard with interest the statements of Rev. Mr. Parkhurst concerning the Methodist Missionary Training School of Chicago; therefore,

Resolved, That this Society approve the objects of this school in providing a technical education for missionary candidates, and will be glad to cooperate with the enterprise as far as is in its power.

Mrs. Dr. T. A. Hill and Mrs. Danforth, of Chicago, were appointed to represent the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in the Board of Managers of the Training School.

Concerning the neglected grave of Mrs. Ann Wilkins, action was taken as follows:

WHEREAS, We have learned with deep pain of the neglect and threatened obliteration of the grave of Mrs. Ann Wilkins, one of the pioneers in woman's missionary work; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society take charge of the remains of the honored dead, and provide for them a suitable resting place.

2. *Resolved*, That the Chairman of this Committee, appointed by the General Executive Committee, be requested to prepare an appeal to the women of Methodism, asking for ten cent contributions, until a sum be procured sufficient to buy a lot, remove the remains, and erect a simple monument in some suitable place, and that she request the *Heathen Woman's Friend* and our church papers to publish this appeal.

3. *Resolved*, That Woodlawn Cemetery, near Newburg, N. Y., be selected for this purpose.

4. *Resolved*, That Mrs. Kennard Chandler be requested to act as treasurer of this fund, and report aggregate contributions from each Branch through the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

A committee representing the nine Branches was appointed, as follows: New England, Mrs. Dr. Magee; New York, Mrs. K. Chandler, Mrs. F. G. Hibbard; Philadelphia, Mrs. E. B. Stevens; Baltimore, Mrs. D. C. Morgan; Cincinnati, Miss H. A. Smith; Northwestern, Mrs. Wilson; Des Moines, Mrs. M. W. Porter; Minneapolis, Mrs. J. P. Wagner; Topeka, Mrs. M. J. Shelley. Treasurer, Mrs. Kennard Chandler.

WHEREAS, The missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, in passing through San Francisco, have met unvarying kindness and assistance from Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Otis Gibson; therefore,

Resolved, That this General Executive Committee express to Dr. and Mrs. Gibson our sincere thanks, with the prayer that to them may be verified the promise given to those who gave the cup of cold water in the name of a disciple.

PLAN FOR UNIFORM STUDY.

PREPARED BY MRS. H. BENTON.

January—The outlook; backward and forward.

February—Open doors.

March—Bulgaria.

April—Individual responsibility.

May—Nankin.

June—Singapore.

<i>July</i> —	{	"Other sheep have I."
		General survey of Missionary effort throughout Christendom.
<i>August</i> —	{	Heathen Lands.

September—Mexico.

October—Missionaries of the Bible.

November—Objects of worship in various lands; or, The quest of the nations for God.

December—For how long? or, Occupy till I come.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1885-6 BY BRANCHES.

NEW ENGLAND BRANCH.

<i>India.</i>	
<i>Naini Tal</i> , lady to be sent	\$ 850 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , assistants \$225, plowmen \$75	300 00
<i>Roi Bareilly</i> , Mrs. Grant's salary	300 00
Rent \$100, conveyance \$84	184 00
Bible readers \$237, 3 schools \$158	395 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , Miss Torndorf's salary	225 00
Munshi	25 00
Boarding school	100 00
Bible readers	100 00
City schools	175 00
Conveyance	84 00
<i>Najibabad</i> , two schools	109 00
Bible woman, etc	67 00
<i>Maudur</i>	150 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Girls' Board'g School	750 00
Miss Seymour's salary	275 00
Matron \$60, repairs \$63	123 00
City schools \$334, conveyance \$84	418 00
Zenana and mohulla work	209 00
Inspectress	40 00
Dr. Christianity's salary	650 00
Medicines	375 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Girls' Orphanage	612 00
Medical work	275 00
Medicines, etc	375 00
<i>Amroha District</i>	866 00
Medical lady to be sent (prov'l)	1,200 00
Total for India	\$9,232 00

China.

<i>Peking</i> , Miss Cushman	\$ 600 00
Teacher \$100, incidentals \$150	250 00
Boarding school expenses	600 00
Chinese day school	100 00
Matron	40 00
Enlarging school	250 00
Traveling expenses	100 00
Rebuilding Home	1,000 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , Miss Yates' ret. passage	500 00
Dispensary assistant	100 00
Matron	50 00
Hospital watchman	50 00
Gatekeeper	50 00
Hospital coolie	60 00
Lady to be sent	1,500 00
<i>Wuhu</i> , scholarships	150 00
<i>Chin Kiang</i> Home (provisional)	250 00
Total for China	\$5,650 00

Japan.

<i>Tokio</i> , six scholarships	\$ 320 00
Watchman	100 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , six scholarships	240 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , six scholarships	240 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , lady to be sent	1,500 00
Bible women in training	250 00
Furocho school \$300, repairs \$100	400 00
Insurance \$40, ground rent \$60	100 00
Total for Japan	\$3,150 00

Korea.

Half of Mrs. Scranton's salary, personal teacher, etc	\$ 511 00
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Bulgaria.

<i>Loftcha</i> , scholarships	\$ 120 00
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Italy.

<i>Asti</i> , Mrs Cavalleri's salary	\$ 150 00
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South America.

<i>Rosario</i> , Miss Chapin's salary	\$ 600 00
Miss Chapin's incidentals	150 00
Gratuitous education	200 00
Repairs and taxes	150 00
<i>Montevideo</i> , assistants	300 00
<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , assistants	100 00
Second school	150 00

Total for South America.... \$1,650 00

Mexico.

<i>City of Mexico</i> , rent	\$ 200 00
Orphans	160 00
Bible women and supplies	100 00
<i>Miraflores</i> , Miss Garcia's salary	300 00
School books	100 00
Rent of house	100 00
<i>Pachuca</i> , assistant teachers	600 00
<i>Guanajuata</i> , Miss Latimer's sal.. ..	600 00
Miss Latimer's incidentals	150 00
Expenses to Conference	25 00
Porter	144 00
<i>Puebla</i> , additional property	500 00
Building Home in City of Mexico (provisional)	1,500 00

Total for Mexico..... \$4,479 00

Tsun Hua.

Contingent	\$2,000 00
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Total for Branch

NEW YORK BRANCH.

India.

<i>Pithoragarh</i> , repairs and addition to Home	\$ 417 00
Boarding school	60 00
Village work	125 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Third assistant	225 00
Bible readers	200 00
<i>Ellenpur</i> , Bible readers	75 00
Schools	30 00
<i>Hurdai</i> , Bible readers and schools	284 00
<i>Unao</i> , Bible readers and schools	192 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Miss Hyde's salary	650 00
Assistants \$175, conveyance \$84	259 00
Rent for dispensary	75 00
Medical Bible reader	70 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Miss Downey's salary	650 00
Mohulla and village work	208 00
Boarding school	30 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Mrs. Butterfield's salary	150 00
Bible readers	150 00
<i>Kakrala</i> , schools and Bible readers	50 00

<i>Bilsi</i>	84 00
<i>Bisouli</i> , schools and Bible r'ders.	100 00
<i>Barouilly</i> , Miss English's salary..	650 00
Orphanage	1,400 00
Two assistants, at \$250 each ..	500 00
Bible r'ders \$240, conveyance \$84	324 00
City schools	367 00
<i>Fasidpur</i> , schools and Bible r'ders	75 00
<i>Bisalpur</i> , schools and Bible r'ders	75 00
<i>Baberi</i> , schools and Bible readers	50 00
<i>Khera Bajhera</i> , schools and Bible readers	75 00
<i>Aoula</i> , schools and Bible readers.	150 00
<i>Fathagunge</i> , schools and Bible readers	180 00
<i>Philibet</i> , schools and Bible r'ders	91 00
Home salary of Miss Sparkes ..	350 00
Total	\$8,371 00

South India.

<i>Bombay</i> , Miss Elliott's salary	\$ 650 00
Miss Elliott's pundit	100 00
Conveyance	150 00
Miss Cassidy's salary	240 00
Furniture	100 00
Total	\$1,240 00

Total for India \$9,611 00

North China.

<i>Peking</i> , Miss Jewell's salary and incidentals	\$ 750 00
Mrs. Jewell's teacher \$75, cis-tern \$50	125 00
Bible reader \$50, coolie \$54	104 00
Rebuilding Home	500 00
Enlarging school building	250 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , Bible woman	50 00
School	50 00
<i>Tsun Hua</i> , building (provisional)	1,000 00
Total	\$2,829 00

Central China.

<i>Chin Kiang</i> , salary and incidentals of Dr. Hoag	\$ 750 00
Bible reader \$50, incidentals \$25	75 00
Medicine \$250, schools \$400	650 00
Orphans	100 00
Building Home	500 00
<i>Wuhu</i> , board of girls	150 00
<i>Nankin</i> , a lady to be sent	1,200 00
Total	\$3,425 00
<i>Foochow</i> , Hospital expenses	\$ 400 00
Medical students	70 00
Medical lady to be sent	1,200 00
Teacher	72 00
Total	\$1,742 00

Total for China \$7,996 00

Japan.

<i>Tokio</i> , Miss Atkinson's salary and incidentals	\$ 750 00
Teacher \$100, scholarships \$280.	380 00
Day school at Tamachi	180 00
Day school at Fukagawa	175 00
Bible reader	60 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , salary and incidentals of Misses Gheer and Smith...	1,500 00

Scholarships \$640, teacher \$60...	700 00
Insurance \$159, repairs \$200	359 00
<i>Fukuoka</i> , house rent	72 00
Bible reader	50 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Miss Hampton's salary and incidentals	750 00
Teacher \$120, scholarships \$520..	640 00
Insurance \$250, house rent \$108 ..	358 00
<i>Hirosala</i> school	150 00
Conference expenses	40 00

Total \$1,938 00

Total for Japan \$6,164 00

Korea.

Mrs. Scranton's salary, in part ...	\$ 375 00
Teacher	36 00
Contingent to work	100 00

Total for Korea \$ 511 00

Bulgaria.

<i>Rustchuk</i> , school and Bible reader	\$ 330 00
<i>Loftcha</i> , five scholarships	200 00

Total for Bulgaria \$ 530 00

Italy.

Mrs. Campari, Milan	\$ 160 00
Mrs. Polsinelli, Naples	160 00
Mrs. Tollis, Bari	150 00
Mrs. Conte, Venoso	150 00

Total for Italy \$ 620 00

South America.

<i>Montevideo</i> , assistant	\$ 600 00
<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , school	200 00

Total for South America \$ 8 00 00

Mexico.

<i>Mexico City</i> , salary and incidentals of Miss Le Huray	\$ 750 00
Scholarships	720 00
Teacher of music	105 00
Rent of house \$300, piano \$50 ..	350 00
<i>Pachuca</i> , salary and incidentals of Miss Hastings	750 00
Bible woman \$60, supplies \$40..	100 00
<i>Queretaro</i> , salary of teacher	300 00
Rent	240 00
School supplies \$40, repairs \$30..	70 00
Bible reader and supplies	100 00
Building in Mexico City (provis'l)	2,000 00

Total for Mexico \$5,485 00

Contingent \$1,000 00

Total for Branch \$32,715 00

PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

India.

<i>Poori</i> , Miss Mispelaur's salary ...	\$350 00
Orphanage and board'g school ..	250 00
Bible reader	20 00
Repairs \$84, village schools \$155.	239 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , 1st assistant	300 00
Bible reader	50 00
Nine city schools	334 00
Assistant \$62, conveyance \$84 ..	146 00

<i>Balremore</i> , Bible reader and school	60 00
<i>Adjikija</i> , Bible reader and school	65 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Bible readers	120 00
Conveyances	200 00
Eight city schools	339 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , Mrs. Worthington	250 00
Girls' boarding school	138 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Miss Goodwin's salary ..	225 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , orphanage	400 00
Salary of Miss Theresa Kyle	650 00
Salary of Miss Sarah Lauck	650 00

Total \$4,786 00

South India.

Bombay, Miss E. B. Power's sal'y .. 216 00

Total for India \$5,002 00

China.

<i>Tsun Hua</i> , land for building	300 00
<i>Wuhu</i> , scholarships \$60, fuel \$65 ..	125 00
Stationery and books	50 00
Medicines	25 00
<i>Chin Kiang</i> , orphans	75 00
Dispensary expenses	250 00
<i>Kiu Kiang</i> , sending a lady	1,200 00
Teacher	60 00
<i>West China</i> , orphans	75 00
Matron	30 00
Furniture \$30, cook \$30	60 00
Day school	50 00
<i>Foochow</i> , sending trained nurse ..	1,200 00
Yeng Ping	100 00

Total for China \$3,600 00

Japan.

<i>Tokio</i> , scholarships \$40, i s. \$240 ..	680 00
Salary of Miss Spencer	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Teacher \$100, Bible woman \$60 ..	160 00
Day school at Arakusa	200 00
Traveling expenses	250 00
Additional building (provisional) ..	500 00

Total \$2,540 00

<i>Hakodati</i> , Miss Hewitt's salary ..	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Scholarships \$360, teacher \$120 ..	480 00
Fuel and lights \$250, matron \$120 ..	370 00
Mrs. Green's Bible women, with house rent	150 00
Expenses to Conference	40 00

Total \$1,790 00

<i>Nagasaki</i> , scholarships	200 00
<i>Fukuoka</i> Bible women	50 00

Total \$250 00

Total for Japan \$4,580 00

Korea.

Mission work \$100 00

Bulgaria.

<i>Loftcha</i> , 1st assistant	\$375 00
Scho arships	80 00
<i>Sistof</i> , primary school	120 00
Bible work	100 00

Total \$675 00

Italy.

<i>Modena</i> , Mrs. Cruciani, B. woman ..	\$250 00
<i>Venice</i> , Mrs. Stazi, Bible woman ..	250 00

Total \$500 00

South America.

Buenos Ayres, 2d school \$300 00 |

Mexico.

<i>Mexico City</i> , salary, Miss Loyd ..	\$600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Matron and sewing teacher	300 00
Rent of house	250 00
Scholarships	320 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Bible woman, salary and supplies	100 00
Purchase of additional property for school	775 00
<i>Guanajuato</i> , music teacher	100 00
Rent	260 00
School furniture and supplies	150 00
For building in Mexico city (provisional)	2,000 00

Total \$5,005 00

Conditional 1,000 00

Grand Total \$20,762 00

BALTIMORE BRANCH.

India.

<i>Naini Tal</i> , assistant's salary	\$250 00
Schools \$167, conveyance \$30	247 00
<i>Paori</i> , Mrs. Whitby's salary	275 00
Mrs. Whitby's itinerating	70 00
Bible readers	40 00
<i>Dwarahath</i> , eight pupils	144 00
Schools and Bible readers	100 00
Teacher	50 00
<i>Nawab Gunge</i> , Bible reader	30 00
School	35 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Bible reader	60 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Miss Maggie Seymour ..	275 00
Scholarships	195 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , orphans	300 00
Bible reader	60 00
Miss Kelly's return	500 00
Lady to be sent	1,200 00

Total \$3,831 00

South India.

Miss Layton's return \$500 00 |

Total for India \$4,331 00

China.

<i>Foochow</i> , Miss Fisher's salary	\$600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Teacher	72 00
Wachman	42 00
Boarding school	200 00
Enlarging yard	35 00
East St. Dispensary	400 00
East St. Deaconess	36 00
Three medical students	105 00
Ku Cheng day schools	300 00

Total \$1,940 00

West China.

<i>Chung King</i> , passage and outfit of medical lady	\$1,800 00
Current expenses	250 00
Orphans	75 00

Total \$2,125 00

Total for China..... \$4,065 00

Japan.

<i>Tokio</i> , five scholarships	\$200 00
<i>Kanda</i> , day school	150 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Miss Everding's salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Scholarships \$200, teacher \$60	260 00
Mrs Bishop's Bible woman	75 00
<i>Fukuoka</i> , Bible woman	36 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , Bible women	50 00

Total \$1,521 00

Italy.

<i>Rome</i> , Bible woman	\$250 00
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Total \$250 00

Mexico.

<i>City of Mexico</i> , orphans	\$240 00
New building (provisional)	250 00

Total \$490 00

Contingent	1,000 00
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Total for Branch \$11,657 00

CINCINNATI BRANCH.

India.

<i>Naini Tal</i> , Miss Mansell's salary	\$650 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Miss Thoburn's salary	650 00
Scholarship \$120, repairs \$167	287 00
Bible readers	200 00
Bible readers' house	84 00
Miss Nickerson's salary	650 00
Conveyance and repairs	209 00
<i>Seetapore</i> , enlarging school house	245 00
Boarding school	213 00
Teachers	125 00
Bible readers	500 00
Conveyance	75 00
Assistants	225 00
Schools \$203, munshi \$10	213 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Miss De Vine's salary	650 00
Miss Reed's salary	650 00
Repairs and books	87 00
<i>Barabanki</i> , schools and Bible readers	309 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , scholarship	150 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , scholarship	125 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , orphans	600 00
<i>Shahjehanpore</i> , assistant	250 00
Munshi	25 00
Bible readers \$225, schools \$334	559 00
<i>Tilhur</i> , schools and Bible readers	84 00
<i>Pawayon</i> , schools and Bible readers	81 00
<i>Jalahabad</i> , schools and Bible readers	84 00
Miss Easton's return passage	500 00
Sending out a lady	850 00

Total \$9,333 00

South India.

<i>Poonah</i> , Mrs. Blackstock's school	120 00
Burnah district	200 00

Total \$320 00

Total for India \$9,653 00

China.

<i>North China, Peking</i> , Boarding school	\$130 00
Miss Sear's salary and incidentals	750 00
Teacher \$75, gate-keeper \$58	133 00
Rebuilding Home	1,000 00
<i>Foochow</i> , Miss Jewell's salary, incidentals and teacher	822 00
Girls' boarding school	200 00
Ten women in training school	200 00
Painting school house	75 00
<i>Hing Hua</i> , day school	300 00
Womans' school	450 00

Total for China \$4,060 00

Japan.

<i>Tokio</i> , scholarship	\$200 00
Repairs	150 00
Fuel and lights	201 00
Miss Holbrook's Home salary	350 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , scholarship	600 00
Misses Russell and Elliott	1,200 00
Incidentals and teachers	420 00
Ground rent \$275, repairs \$200	475 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , scholarship	120 00
Repairs and books	200 00

Total \$3,915 00

Return of Miss Holbrook 450 00

Total for Japan \$4,365 00

Italy.

<i>Turin</i> , Bible reader	\$150 00
<i>Perugia</i> , Bible reader	50 00

Total for Italy \$3 00

South America.

<i>Montevideo</i> , assistant teachers	\$500 00
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Mexico.

<i>Mexico City</i> , two teachers in orphanage	\$275 00
Porter	225 00
Rent for house	150 00
Scholarships	320 00
<i>Orizaba</i> , Miss Loza	360 00
Rent for school	260 00
Furniture	75 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Miss Warner's salary and incidentals	750 00
Miss Orcillez's salary	650 00
School supplies	100 00
Expenses to conference	30 00
Porter \$100, water tax \$12	112 00
To purchase property	1,000 00
Building in Mexico City (provis'l)	1,500 00

Total for Mexico \$5,807 00

Contingent 2,315 00

Total for Branch \$27,000 00

NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

India.

<i>Dwarahath</i> , boarding school.....	\$144 00
Matron \$25, teachers \$65	90 00
<i>Bhabar</i> , schools and Bible readers	145 00
<i>Paori</i> , orphanage	240 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , farm manager	40 00
Boarding school	180 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Miss Rowe's salary	350 00
Miss Singh \$275, scholarship \$30	305 00
Second assistant	222 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , two assistants.....	450 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , boarding school	300 00
Repairs \$134, matron \$60	194 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , boarding school	200 00
Itinerating	42 00
Mrs. Smith's salary	250 00
Repairs	53 00
<i>Chandauli</i> , Bible readers.....	125 00
Schools	80 00
<i>Budaon</i> , boarding school	60 00
Conveyance	84 00
Mrs. Neeld's munshi	25 00
Itinerating \$42, repairs \$42	84 00
Medicines	42 00
New conveyances.....	135 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , orphanage	428 00
Servants' houses \$417, munshi \$50	467 00
<i>Panahpore</i>	125 00
<i>Shahjehanpore</i> , conveyance.....	125 00
Total	\$5,015 00

South India.

<i>Bombay</i> , Miss De Line's salary ...	650 00
Miss Power's salary	240 00
Miss Belcham's salary	216 00
Conveyances \$150, pundits \$96	246 00
Furniture \$100, rent \$300	400 00
<i>Madras District</i> ,	200 00
<i>Calcutta</i> , Bengali school.....	240 00
Total	\$2,212 00

Total for India \$7,324 00

North China.

<i>Peking</i> , building Home	\$1,000 00
Boarding school	100 00
Traveling expenses	150 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , Dr. Gloss' salary and incidentals	750 00
Teacher \$120, gate keeper \$50	170 00
Hospital expenses	400 00
Conveyance \$35, rep's, etc., \$150	185 00
<i>Tsun Hua</i> , wall around compound	600 00
Total	\$3,355 00

<i>Foochow</i> , hospital expenses	400 00
Repairs	150 00
Insurance \$25, watchman \$42	67 00
Dr. Corey, salary and incidentals	750 00
Teacher \$100, b'ding school \$300	400 00
Watchman	42 00
Insurance \$32, repairs \$40	72 00
Day schools	300 00
Day school Ing Chung	250 00
Traveling expenses	120 00
Total	\$2,551 00

Central China.

<i>Wuhu</i> , grading and fencing	\$ 50 00
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Teacher	60 00
Nurses \$72, servants \$144	216 00
Clothing and bedding	170 00
<i>Chin Kiang</i> , Miss Robinson's salary and incidentals	750 00
Dwelling \$600, teacher \$84	684 00
Building (provisional)	1,500 00
Four orphans	80 00
<i>Nankin</i> , building	4,000 00
Lady to be sent	1,200 00

Total \$8,710 00

West China.

<i>Chung King</i> , Misses Wheeler and Howe, salary and incidentals	\$1,500 00
Three orphans	75 00
Teachers \$144, medicines \$25	169 00
Trav. exp. \$25, repairs \$50	75 00
Taxes \$5, exchange \$150	155 00

Total \$1,974 00

Total for China.....\$16,590 00

Japan.

<i>Tokio</i> , scholarships	\$680 00
Native teachers	400 00
Writing teacher	60 00
Ground rent	275 00
Tracts and papers	50 00
Building	500 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , scholarships	200 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , scholarships	260 00
Two teachers	250 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , Mrs. Van Petten's salary	750 00
Personal teacher	100 00
Bible woman	150 00
Traveling expenses	150 00
Kanagawa school	300 00
Kanagawa watchman	60 00
Books, etc	75 00
Ni geyana school	200 00

Total for Japan \$4,180 00

Korea.

For property	\$500 00
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Bulgaria.

<i>Loftcha</i> , Miss L. Schenck's salary	\$600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Scholarship \$240, furniture \$150	390 00
Fountain \$70, out building \$65	135 00
New roof	182 00
Painting	20 00
Repairs \$40, postage \$5	45 00

Total for Bulgaria \$1,522 00

Italy.

Passage	\$200 00
Miss Hall's salary	600 00
Furniture \$100, incidentals \$150	250 00
Expenses contingent to work	500 00
<i>Bologna</i> , Bible reader	250 00

Total for Italy \$1,800 00

South America.

<i>Rosario</i> , Miss Denning's salary and incidentals	\$750 00
Gratuitous education	250 00

Assistants	350 00
Furniture	300 00
<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , Miss Goodenough's salary and incidentals	750 00
Rent \$460, taxes \$60	520 00
Assistants \$200, 2d school \$200 ..	400 00
<i>Montevideo</i> , Miss Guelfi's salary ..	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Furniture \$250, repairs \$80	330 00
Assistants	600 00
Total for South America	\$5,000 00

Mexico.

<i>Mexico City</i> , Treasurer's exp's, postage and stationery	\$50 00
Internal revenue stamps and exchange	30 00
Salary, primary teacher, Miss Wilson	480 00
Rent of house	700 00
Small repairs and incidentals	100 00
School furniture	75 00
School books and stationery	200 00
Physician's fee and medicines ..	135 00
Beds and bedding	100 00
Scholarships	480 00
Building in Mexico City (provisional)	2,000 00
<i>Pachuca</i> , school teachers	420 00
School supplies	100 00
Repairs and garden	135 00
Porter	130 00
<i>Puebla</i> , lady to be sent, outfit and passage	350 00
Furniture	100 00
Ass't while learning language	400 00
Salary, incidentals and teacher ..	850 00
Building	1,500 00

Total for Mexico	\$8,335 00
Contingent	613 00

Total for Branch\$46,000 00

DES MOINES BRANCH.

India.

<i>Paori</i> , orphans \$50, med. work \$42 ..	\$ 92 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Miss Budden's sal'y ..	650 00
Matron	50 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Matron	225 00
<i>Gondah</i> , three Bible readers	219 00
<i>Baraich</i> , five Bible readers and conveyance	275 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Girls' boarding school ..	205 00
<i>Datagang</i> , schools and B. readers ..	25 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , orphans	400 00
Miss Lawson's outfit, pas'ge, etc ..	1,200 00

Total for India\$3,341 00

North China.

<i>Peking</i> , boarding school, fifteen scholarships	\$ 370 00
Building Home	500 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , training school and current expenses	200 00
Training school conlie	60 00
Training school teacher	60 00

Total\$1,190 00

West China.

<i>Chung King</i> , Mrs. Gamewell's personal teacher	\$ 72 00
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Central China.

<i>Chin Kiang</i> , building Home	\$250 00
<i>Foochow</i> , boarding school	290 00
<i>Hok Chiang</i> , day school	450 00
Sending missionary to Kiu Kiang ..	1,200 00

Total for China\$3,362 00

Japan.

<i>Tokio</i> , five scholarships	\$200 00
One native teacher	140 00
Matron and sewing teacher	1 0 00
Medical attendance	125 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , three scholarships	120 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , six scholarships	240 00
One teacher	150 00

Total for Japan\$1,125 00

Bulgaria.

Second assistant, Mrs. Kassova ..	\$250 00
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Italy.

<i>Pisa</i> , Bible woman, Mrs. Palmieri ..	\$150 00
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South America.

<i>Rosario</i> , education, girls	\$75 00
Assistant teachers	100 00
Repairs and taxes	150 00
<i>Montevideo</i> , assistants	200 00
<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , ragged school	150 00
Rent	500 00

Total for South America\$1,175 00

Mexico.

<i>Mexico City</i> , rent of house for school	\$250 00
Light	125 00
<i>Guanajuato</i> , salary of Mexican assistant	360 00
Rent of Home	250 00
Water tax	12 00
Salary of Bible woman	60 00
Supplies	40 00
<i>Pachuca</i> , evening school	50 00
Building in Mexico City	500 00

Total for Mexico	\$1,647 00
Contingent	950 00

Total for Branch\$12,000 00

MINNEAPOLIS BRANCH.

India.

<i>Paori</i> , orphanage and boarding school	\$90 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , boarding school	100 00
Teachers	75 00
Home matron \$35, medicines \$42 ..	77 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , first assistant	275 00
Munshi	50 00
<i>Colonel Gunge</i> , Bible readers	40 00
Schools	75 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , village work	190 00
Itinerating	32 00
<i>Budaon</i> , scholarships	280 00
Mrs. Goodwin's salary	250 00

Munshi	25 00
Girl's schools \$209, B. r'ders \$50	259 00
Bareilly, orphanage	170 00
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	\$1,988 00
Lady to be sent	1,200 00
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Total	\$3,188 00

South India.

Allahabad, native work	\$200 00
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Total for India	\$3,388 00
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Singapore.

To open woman's work	\$3,000 00
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China.

Wuhu, Bible women	\$42 00
Chin Kiang, building (conditio'l)	250 00

West China.

Pupils \$125, teacher \$72	\$197 00
Matron \$30, orphans \$75	105 00

Total for China	\$594 00
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Japan.

Tokio, scholarship	40 00
Native teacher	148 00
Hakodati, five scholarships	200 00

Total for Japan	\$380 00
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Mexico.

Mexico City, orphans	\$80 00
Home (conditional)	250 00
Puebla, building	200 00

Total for Mexico	\$530 00
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Bulgaria.

Loficha, scholarships	\$160 00
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South America.

Rosario, assistant teachers	\$250 00
Contingent	300 00

Total for Branch	\$8,602 00
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TOPEKA BRANCH.

India.

Dwarahath, orphans	\$72 00
Paori, three orphans	90 00
Bible reader	20 00
Pithorogarh, seven girls	120 00
Lucknow, Miss Blackmar's salary	650 00
Munshi	50 00
Bible reader	50 00

Horses and conveyances	84 00
Budaon, nine girls in school	205 00
Kashing, school	50 00
Bareilly, orphans	500 00
Womans' school	50 00
Munshi \$50, itinerating \$21	71 00

Total for India	\$1,962 00
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China.

Peking, Tartar City day school	\$100 00
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West China.

Chung King, two orphans	\$50 00
Furniture	50 00
Scholarship	125 00
Gate keeper \$60, watchman \$30	90 00
Faochow, deaconess	42 00
Hok Chiang, schools	200 00
Deaconess	36 00

Total for China	\$693 00
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Japan.

Tokio, two scholarships	\$80 00
Teachers	100 00
Miss Watson's salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Nagasaki, one scholarship	40 00
Fukuoka, school teacher	250 00
Hakodati, five scholarships	200 00
Dr. Hamisfar's salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Personal teacher	100 00
Dispensary, furnish'g medicines and servants	375 00

Total for Japan	\$2,645 00
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Korea.

For work	\$250 00
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Bulgaria.

Two scholarships	\$80 00
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Mexico.

Mexico City, rent of house	\$250 00
Orphans	160 00
Ayapango, salary of teacher	300 00
Supplies	50 00
Bible woman	60 00
Bibles and tracts	40 00
Travel and postage in supervis'n	30 00
Puebla, ground to be bought	275 00

Total for Mexico	\$1,165 00
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South America.

Rosario, assistant teacher	\$100 00
Contingent	200 00

Total for Branch	\$7,120 00
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BRANCH.	INDIA.	CHINA.	JAPAN.	MEXICO.	SOUTH AMERICA.	ITALY.	BULGARIA.	KOREA.	SINGAPORE.	CONTINGENT.	TOTALS.
New England.....	\$9,232 00	\$5,650 00	\$3,150 00	\$4,479 00	\$1,650 00	\$150 00	\$120 00	\$511 00	.....	\$2,000 00	\$26,942 00
New York	9,611 00	7,996 00	5,664 00	5,485 00	800 00	620 00	530 00	511 00	.....	1,000 00	32,716 00
Philadelphia	5,002 00	3,800 00	4,580 00	5,005 00	300 00	500 00	675 00	100 00	.....	1,000 00	20,762 00
Baltimore	4,331 00	4,065 00	1,521 00	490 00	.....	250 00	.....	.....	.....	1,000 00	11,657 00
Cincinnati	9,653 00	4,060 00	4,365 00	5,807 00	500 00	300 00	.....	.....	.....	2,315 00	27,000 00
Northwestern	7,324 00	16,590 00	4,480 00	8,335 00	5,000 00	1,800 00	1,522 00	500 00	.....	613 00	46,000 00
Des Moines	3,341 00	3,362 00	1,125 00	1,647 00	1,175 00	150 00	250 00	.....	.....	950 00	12,000 00
Minneapolis	3,388 00	594 00	380 00	530 00	250 00	.....	160 00	.....	3,000 00	300 00	8,602 00
Topeka	1,962 00	693 00	2,645 00	1,165 00	100 00	.....	80 00	250 00	.....	200 00	7,095 00
Totals.....	\$53,844 00	\$46,810 00	\$27,910 00	\$32,943 00	\$9,775 00	\$3,770 00	\$3,337 00	\$1,872 00	\$3,000 00	\$9,378 00	\$192,774 00

LIST OF REAL ESTATE BELONGING TO W. F. M. S.

INDIA.		
Bijnour.—School Building.....		\$3,000 00
Budaon.—School Building.....		3,000 00
Bareilly.—Home (43 acres).....		12,500 00
Hospital		9,000 00
Orphanage		3,000 00
Moradabad.—School Building.....		2,000 00
Home		3,500 00
Lucknow.—School Building.....		3,000 00
Home		7,360 00
Boarding Halls		2,300 00
Home for Friendless		2,300 00
Cawnpore.—School Building.....		9,000 00
Home		4,500 00
Paori.—Orphanage		4,000 00
Gonda.—School Building.....		1,500 00
Almorah.—Sanitarium		300 00
Pithoragarh.—Adeline Newman Home		4,000 00
Naini Tal.—School Building		1,501 00
CHINA.		13,000 00
Peking.—Hospital		5,500 00
Home and School.....		7,976 00
TOTAL.....		\$201,236 00

Kiu Kiang.—School Building and Home (Dispensary \$600)	\$7,000 00
Foochow.—School Building	4,000 00
Hospital	6,000 00
Tientsin.—Hospital and Home	12,000 00
Wuhu School	2,000 00
WEST CHINA.	
Chung King.—Home and School	5,000 00
JAPAN.	
Tokio.—School Building	10,000 00
Hakodati.—Home and School	10,000 00
Nagasaki.—Home and School	10,000 00
Yokohama.—Memorial Home	3,500 00
MEXICO.	
Pachuca.—Home	5,500 00
Puebla.—Home and School	12,000 00
SOUTH AMERICA.	
Rosario.—Home and School Building.....	10,000 00
Loftcha.—Boarding School.....	4,500 00
Total	\$201,236 00

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Association shall be called "THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH."

ARTICLE II.—PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Society is to engage and unite the efforts of Christian women in sending female Missionaries to women in the foreign Mission fields of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in supporting them and native Christian teachers and Bible readers in those fields.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

The payment of one dollar annually shall constitute membership, and twenty dollars life membership. Any person paying one hundred dollars shall become an Honorary Manager for life, and the contribution of three hundred dollars shall constitute the donor an Honorary Patron for life.

ARTICLE IV.—ORGANIZATION.

The organization of this Society shall consist of a General Executive Committee, Co-ordinate Branches, Auxiliary Societies, to be constituted and limited as laid down in subsequent articles.

ARTICLE V.—GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SECTION 1. The management and general administration of the affairs of the Society shall be vested in a General Executive Committee, consisting of the Corresponding Secretary and two delegates from each Branch, which delegates, together with two reserves, shall be elected at the Branch annual meetings, said meetings to be held within two months before the meeting of the General Executive Committee. Said committee shall meet at Boston, the third Wednesday in April, 1870, and annually or oftener thereafter, at such time and place as the General Executive Committee shall annually determine.

SEC. 2. The duties of the General Executive Committee shall be—

1. To take into consideration the interests and demands of the entire work of the Society, as presented in the reports of Branch Corresponding Secretaries, and in the estimate of the needs of Mission fields; to ascertain the financial condition of the Society; to appropriate its money in accordance

with the purposes and method herein indicated; to devise means for carrying forward the work of the Society; fixing the amounts to be raised; employing new Missionaries, designating their fields of labor, examining the reports of those already employed, and arranging with the several Branches the work to be undertaken by each.

2. To appoint a committee, consisting of one from each Branch, to have charge of the Missionary paper of the Society, and to arrange for the publication of an annual report of the work of the Society.

3. To transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand, provided all the plans and directions of the committee shall be in harmony with the provisions of the Constitution.

ARTICLE VI.—BRANCHES.

SECTION 1. The organizations already formed at Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and Cincinnati, shall be regarded as Co-ordinate Branches of this Society, on their acceptance of this relationship under the provisions of the present Constitution.

SEC. 2. Other Branches may be organized in accordance with the following general plan for districting the territory of the church:

DISTRICTS.	STATES.	HEADQUARTERS.
I. New England States		Boston.
II. New York and New Jersey.....		New York.
III. Pennsylvania and Delaware.....		Philadelphia.
IV. Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia.....		Baltimore.
V. Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee		Cincinnati.
VI. Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin.....		Chicago.
VII. Iowa and Missouri.....		Des Moines.
VIII. Minnesota, Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington Territory and Oregon		Minneapolis.
IX. Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming.....		Denver.
X. Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas.....		New Orleans.
XI. North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and Florida		Atlanta.
XII. Pacific Coast.....		San Francisco.

This plan, however, may be changed by an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of the General Executive Committee present at any annual meeting of the same.

SEC. 3. The officers of each Branch Society shall consist of a President, not less than ten Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, and not less than ten Managers. These, with the exception of Auditor, shall constitute an Executive Committee for the administration of the affairs of the Branch, nine of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Branch, and shall continue in office until others are chosen in their stead.

SEC. 4. The President, or one of the Vice-Presidents, shall preside at all meetings of the Branch and of its Executive Committee.

The Recording Secretary shall notify all meetings of the Branch and of the Executive Committee, and shall keep a full record of the proceedings.

The Corresponding Secretary shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, conduct the correspondence of the Society with foreign missionaries, with the other Branches, and with its Auxiliary Societies (hereinafter mentioned), and shall endeavor, by all practical means, to form Auxiliary Societies within the prescribed territory of the Branch. It shall also be her duty to present to the annual meeting of the General Executive Committee a report of the work of the Branch during the year, for publication in its annual report.

The Treasurer shall receive all contributions to the Branch, keeping proper books of account, and shall make such disposition of the funds as the Executive Committee may direct, each order of the committee being duly signed by the Corresponding Secretary.

SEC. 5. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of all the work assigned to the Branch by the General Executive Committee, and may order the disbursement of the funds required for that work, provide for all the wants, and receive all the reports of the Missionaries, Bible Women, and Teachers, who, by the plan of the General Executive Committee, are to be supported by the Branch.

SEC. 6. No Branch shall project new work or undertake the support of new Missionaries, except by the direction or with the approval of the General Executive Committee.

SEC. 7. Each Branch may make its own by-laws regulating its meetings and those of the Executive Committee, also any others which may be deemed necessary to its efficiency, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

ARTICLE VII.—AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Any number of women who shall contribute not less than ten dollars annually may form a Society auxiliary to that Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, within whose prescribed territorial limits they may reside, by appointing a President, three or more Vice-Presidents or Managers, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, who together shall constitute a local Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII.—RELATION TO THE MISSIONARY AUTHORITIES OF THE CHURCH.

SEC. 1. This Society shall work in harmony with and under the supervision of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The appointment, recall, and remuneration of Missionaries, and the designation of their fields of labor, shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Managers

of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and annual appropriations to Mission fields shall be submitted for revision and approval to the General Missionary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

SEC. 2. All Missionaries sent out by this Society shall labor under the direction of the particular Conferences or Missions of the Church in which they may be severally employed. They shall be annually appointed by the President of the Conference or Mission, and shall be subject to the same rules of removal that govern the other Missionaries.

SEC. 3. All the work of the Woman's Society in foreign lands shall be under the direction of the Conferences or Missions, and their committees, in exactly the same manner as the work of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Superintendent or Presiding Elder having the same relation to the work and the person in charge that he would have were it in the charge of any member of the Conference or Mission.

SEC. 4. The funds of the Society shall not be raised by collections or subscriptions taken during any of our church services, nor in any promiscuous public meetings, nor in any Sunday-schools, but shall be raised by such methods as the Constitution of the Society shall provide, none of which shall interfere with the contributions of our people and Sunday-schools for the treasury of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the amount so collected shall be reported by the preacher in charge to the Annual Conference, and be entered in a column among the benevolent collections in the annual general minutes.

SEC. 5. Section 4 of this article shall not be so interpreted as to prevent the ladies from taking collections in ladies' meetings convened in the interest of their Societies, nor from securing memberships, life memberships, etc., in audiences where their work is represented, nor from holding festivals or arranging lectures in the interests of their work.

* ARTICLE IX.—CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.

This Constitution may be changed at any annual meeting of the General Executive Committee by a two-thirds vote of each Branch delegation, notice of the proposed change having been given at the previous annual meeting; but Article VIII. shall not be changed except with the concurrence of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

BY-LAWS OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

I. The General Executive Committee shall convene not later than the last week in October.

II. The annual meetings of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of

the Methodist Episcopal Church shall be held in such places as the said committee shall elect.

III. The President and Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within whose precincts the meeting of the General Executive Committee is to be held, shall fix the exact date of the meeting of said committee, and arrange for the anniversary exercises.

IV. The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall meet at least one day before the time of the meeting of the General Executive Committee, for the purpose of nominating the members of the Standing Committees, and planning work for its session, and report the same at the opening of said committee.

V. The Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within the bounds of which the committee convenes shall preside over its meetings until a permanent organization is effected.

VI. The order of business shall be as follows:

1. Calling the roll.
2. Election of President and Secretary.
3. Appointment of Standing Committees, *i. e.* Committee on Publication, Committee on Finance, Committee on Application of Missionary Candidates, Committee on By-Laws.
4. Reports of Corresponding Secretaries.
5. Report of Committee of Reference.
6. Report of Constitutional Committee on *Heathen Woman's Friend*.
7. Report of Official Correspondents and presentation of information from foreign work.
8. Memorials, petitions and estimates.
9. Fixing place of next meeting.
10. Notice of constitutional amendments.
11. Miscellaneous business.
12. Reports of Standing Committees daily, immediately after reading of minutes.

VII. The rules of order shall be as follows:

1. Each session shall open and close with devotional exercises.
2. All resolutions to be discussed shall be presented in writing.
3. All ladies speaking shall rise when they address the Chair.
4. No member shall be granted leave of absence except by a vote of the entire body.

VIII. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary of the General Executive Committee to forward to our foreign treasurers, as soon as practicable after adjournment, a copy of the appropriations for each Mission.

IX. The Secretary of each meeting of the General Executive Committee shall keep a full record of all proceedings, and enter them upon a suitable book of record, which shall be deposited in the safe of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and shall be transmitted to the next meeting of the General Executive Committee by the Corresponding Secretary of the New England Branch.

X. A committee of two shall be appointed by the General Executive Committee to edit and publish a full report of the work of the Society as soon as practicable after the adjournment of said committee.

BY-LAWS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

I.—BRANCH CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

1. The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall superintend all the interests of their respective Branches; conduct the correspondence of the Society with foreign Missionaries; be present at all Branch quarterly meetings, and present a quarterly report of the work of the Branch, and give to the public, or direct to be given, all communications and plans of the business of their respective Branches.

2. Each Corresponding Secretary shall be required to furnish in her report to the General Executive Committee the following items: Number of Auxiliary Societies, members, life members, honorary patrons and managers, subscribers to the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and the receipts of the treasurer. In her report of the foreign work she shall include the number of Missionaries, Bible readers, boarding schools, and orphans supported by her Branch.

II.—BRANCH TREASURERS.

1. Branch Treasurers shall be required to publish each month in the *Heathen Woman's Friend* their report of moneys received. They shall forward the appropriations immediately after the close of the General Executive Committee, according to the appropriations for the next year, sending them directly to the Foreign treasurers.

2. The financial year of the Society shall commence October 1. Branch Treasurers shall close their accounts for the year by September 30, as nearly as possible.

3. The money received from annual membership shall not be used to make life members, honorary managers, or honorary patrons. Life memberships shall be made by the payment of twenty dollars, given specifically for that purpose. If in installments, the final payment shall be made as soon as practicable, and the membership reported as complete only when that has been done; all installments to be credited on the Treasurer's book, and acknowledged in the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

4. In case any Branch is unable to meet the obligations it has assumed, any other Branch may, by the action of its Executive Board, be permitted to use its surplus funds in aid of the Branch deficient.

5. Any bequest or donation made to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Branch within whose territory the bequest or donation is made, unless otherwise specified by the donor.

III.—FOREIGN TREASURERS.

1. Our foreign treasurers shall forward their estimates, properly approved, to the Corresponding Secretary of the New York Branch, that she may present them to the authorities of the General Missionary Society for their action, on or before the first of October.

2. The Treasurers in the foreign fields are instructed to make their financial reports to the Branch Corresponding Secretaries.

3. The Treasurers in the foreign fields are requested to forward promptly receipts for moneys received to the Branch Treasurers and Corresponding Secretaries.

4. The salary of our Missionaries shall be paid in foreign fields on the basis of American gold.

5. The funds of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be entirely under the control of the General Executive Committee, to be used only for the purposes designated by that committee.

6. If any surplus funds remain in the foreign treasuries from unused appropriations, exchange, or any other source, they must be reported to the Branches from whose moneys they accrue.

IV.—OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall correspond with the Missionaries, so as to be able to present a full report of the work in each Mission, such information to be presented to the General Executive Committee, the fields assigned to the several Secretaries to be arranged by themselves.

V.—THE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE.

1. The Committee of Reference shall be composed of the Branch Corresponding Secretaries.

2. It shall meet immediately after the adjournment of the General Executive Committee, and organize by the election of a Chairman and Secretary.

3. All cases of emergency that would come before the General Executive Committee, arising in the interim of its sessions, shall be submitted to this Committee, and decided by a majority vote.

4. The chairman shall send each resolution that is submitted to the committee to each member, and when all have returned their votes, she shall declare the result, and order the secretary to record both resolution and votes.

5. The committee shall present a full report of its action during the year to the General Executive Committee for approval and permanent record.

VI.—INSTRUCTIONS TO MISSIONARIES.

We call the attention of the Missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society especially to Article VIII, Section 3, of Constitution, in compliance with which they will consult the superintendent of the mission in which they are laboring on all general plans of their work, and advise with him as to the most effective measures to be taken in the purchase of property, building, and any important undertaking belonging to their special interest.

1. They are expected to attend the annual meeting or conference of their mission, that they may confer with the other members of the mission upon all topics connected with their own department, and will report quarterly to the superintendent.

2. They will be expected to devote their entire time and attention to their legitimate work, as all their temporal necessities will be provided for by the Society.

3. They are required to send annual and quarterly reports to the Corresponding Secretary having charge of their work, and the action of the General Executive Committee will be communicated to them through that secretary or the correspondent appointed for their field by said committee, and no other instructions are to be considered as official.

4. They, with the wives of Missionaries who labor in the interest of the Society, shall constitute a committee to prepare, at each session of the conference or annual meeting of the Missionaries, the estimates for the ensuing year, which estimates shall have the sanction of said conference or annual meeting before being forwarded to the General Executive Committee.

5. They shall incur no expense during the year to be met by this Society for which the estimate has not previously been submitted to and approved by the General Executive Committee at its annual meeting.

6. They shall credit to the Society all donations received for the support of their work, and annually report the same with their financial statement.

7. All solicitations for funds for special work must be made through the proper official authorities, and Missionaries are instructed not to apply to private sources for aid for support of their work.

8. A Medical Missionary shall be accountable to the Branch from which she is sent. She shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements; such receipts may be used for necessary expenses in her medical work, any surplus being remitted to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and her medical outfit shall be the property of the same.

9. If there prove to be a manifest unfitness for Missionary labor, the General Executive Committee may cancel its obligations to a Missionary whom it has appointed, three months' notice having been given to such appointee by the Committee of Reference, return passage to be paid by the Society, provided she return at the expiration of the three months.

10. A lady Missionary desiring her expenses paid by the Society for a return home from any other cause than that of ill health, must secure permission from the General Executive Committee or Committee of Reference through the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch supporting her.

11. All rules pertaining to the relations of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church with its Missionaries shall be published in the General Annual Report.

12. The Corresponding Secretaries of the Branch by which any Missionary is sent shall be required to sign the following contract: I, — —,

Corresponding Secretary of ——— Branch, by which the money is raised for the support of ———, agree on the part of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to pay the traveling expenses of ——— from the time of her leaving home to that of her arrival in her field of labor, and also her salary from the latter date. In case of illness, I agree, on the part of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, to submit a resolution to the General Executive Committee, or in the interim of its sessions, to the Committee of Reference, asking the privilege of her return home. Such permission being granted, I agree to pay her return passage; and if she expresses her intention to return to foreign missionary work, her salary for the first year at the rate of \$350. In case she declines to return, at the rate of \$300 per year.

In case of emergency demanding her immediate return home, she shall bring a certificate of disability from a physician and the superintendent of the Mission.

13. We agree to pay our Missionaries \$200 for personal outfit, and \$100 for the furnishing of the home, the latter to be the property of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

14. Each returned Missionary shall be expected to attend the first General Executive Committee session after her return, and her traveling expenses to and from the place of meeting shall be met by the Branch supporting her.

15. We accept the relation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to the authorities of the church and to our workers in the field, as interpreted by the delegated conference in India in their session of 1881, as follows:

OFFICIAL RELATION OF LADY MISSIONARIES.

WHEREAS, Certain usages having grown up and been found acceptable and successful in connection with our older Mission fields in India, we deem it expedient to formulate the same in the following rules :

1. In general : The position of a lady Missionary placed in charge of work in connection with any of our circuits or stations is the same as that of a second Missionary or "junior preacher" to whom special work is assigned.

2. In particular : The general plan of work, such as establishing new schools, employing and dismissing head teachers, arranging terms of tuition, board, etc., and preparing a course of study, when these matters are not fixed by trustees of an Educational Committee, selecting classes of people among whom work may be most successfully carried on, arranging dispensaries and deciding the proportion of medical work to be given to natives and Europeans, Christians and non-Christians, etc., all such *general plans* shall be arranged by the lady in charge of the special department of work, after free consultation with Superintendent or Presiding Elder.

3. The lady Missionary in charge of work has full liberty to do the work assigned her in her own way, and to carry out the internal arrangements of her department in the manner which she deems best adapted to secure success.

4. The relation of the Superintendent or Presiding Elder to the work

under the charge of a lady is the same as it would be were it in charge of a Member of Conference—he having a general advisory supervision, auditing the accounts (when not done by trustees), making suggestions, etc., exactly as with all the other work of his district.

5. Lady Missionaries in charge of work, and all Missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, are appointed by the President of Conference, at the same time and in the same manner that the appointments of Conference are made. Should, however, a President of Conference at any time decline so to appoint, the Superintendent or Presiding Elders in Council will arrange the same.

6. All new buildings and expensive repairs or changes shall receive the sanction of Superintendent or Presiding Elder, even though no appropriation of money be asked.

7. A class of laborers are employed in our work, known as "assistants." In the employment or dismissal of these ladies, the consent of the Superintendent of Mission or of the Presiding Elder must be secured. They may be transferred by the Presiding Elder, with the consent of the lady in charge of the department in which they are employed. When these lady assistants, being members of our church, by several years of faithful service, have come to be received as belonging permanently to our body of laborers, they may, on the recommendation of the Ladies' Society, when such exists, or by a quarterly Conference, be formally recognized by Conference, and appointed the same as lady Missionaries are.

8. In case of a transfer of a lady Missionary or an "assistant" from one Conference or charge to another, a written permission shall be secured, signed by Superintendent or Presiding Elder in whose jurisdiction the person may be employed, when, according to the condition in Rule 7, the engagement may be completed.

REQUIREMENTS OF MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

1. Each Branch shall appoint a standing committee of five, of which the Branch corresponding secretary shall be chairman, who shall investigate the case of any candidate within the limits of the Branch, and shall supply such candidate with blank for health certificate and constitutional questions, to be filled out and answered by her; and, when practicable, a personal interview shall be had with the lady, by two or more of the committee, before her papers are forwarded to the Reference Committee or the committee appointed at the General Executive Meeting.

2. A Missionary candidate must believe herself divinely called to the work of a foreign Missionary, and assert her belief that she is actuated only by a desire to work in accordance with God's will.

3. She must here indicate her ability to work in a foreign field by Christian usefulness at home.

4. She must declare her intention to make foreign missionary work the

service of her effective years, and agree to give at least five of these years of continuous service, as a single woman, to the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, unless prevented by ill health; she must also assert her willingness to labor in any field, though her preference is always to be taken into account.

5. She must furnish satisfactory testimonials in regard to scholarship, and experience in teaching, and a knowledge of medicine and nursing are desirable qualifications.

6. The age of a candidate must not be less than twenty-two years, nor more than thirty. A thorough intellectual training, with a facility in acquiring languages, and a remarkable ability for Christian work, may be considered as a sufficient reason for deviation from this rule.

7. Financial and executive ability, and power of adaptation to circumstances, are essential qualifications.

8. She must present a certificate of health from a competent physician, and give satisfactory answers to the medical questions authorized by the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

9. Every missionary candidate is required to sign the following contract :
I, — — —, agree to conform to the above requirements and conditions while in the employ of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and failing in this, to refund the amount of outfit and passage money.

10. After the adoption of a missionary candidate, she shall be regarded as under the direction of the General Executive Committee, and of the Committee of Reference, in the interim of the sessions of that committee.

11. The case of any accepted candidate not sent out during the year, shall be brought before the General Executive Committee at its next session.

12. The testimonials of missionary candidates shall cover the following particulars : Divine call, religious experience and usefulness, intellectual qualities and culture, business and natural ability, and health. In order to fulfill these conditions, the candidate is requested to answer the following questions :

1. Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Ghost to take upon you the work of a foreign missionary ?

2. Do you desire and intend to make this your life-work, and are you willing to labor in any field ?

3. Have you experimental knowledge of salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ our Lord ?

4. Have you an earnest desire to win souls to Christ, and how has this desire been manifest in the past ?

5. Do you believe in the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as set forth in section 2 of the Discipline ?

6. Have you a thorough English education ?

7. Have you studied Latin or any modern language; what proficiency have you made, and do you readily acquire the same ?

8. In what schools have you taught, and with what success ?

9. Have you a knowledge of music, either vocal or instrumental ?
10. What is the condition of your health ?
11. Have you ever been married ? If so, is your husband living ?
12. Will you answer by *testimonials* to each of these questions ?

VII.—HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND.

1. The paper of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be known as the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.
2. Its editor and agent shall be elected annually by the General Executive Committee.
3. In the interim of the sessions of the General Executive Committee, the management of the paper shall be under the control of the Publication Committee provided by the Constitution.

VIII.—CONSTITUTIONAL PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.

1. This committee shall be composed of the Branch Corresponding Secretaries.
2. It shall meet and organize immediately after the adjournment of the General Executive Committee, by the election of a Chairman and Secretary.
3. The agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* shall give the Chairman an itemized report of the receipts and expenditures of the paper, properly audited, by the 1st of October, and another six months thereafter. If she finds it necessary to deviate from the published instructions of the General Executive Committee, she shall lay the matter before this committee, and be subject to its direction.
4. A committee of five shall be appointed annually by the Constitutional Publication Committee, to whom shall be intrusted the investment and control of the funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.
5. The agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* shall commence and close her financial year with October 1.
6. If the office of editor or agent becomes vacant during the year, this committee shall have power to fill the vacancy.
7. The traveling expenses of the editor of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and of the editor of leaflets, to and from the sessions of the General Executive Committee, shall be paid from the funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.
8. This committee shall meet prior to each session of the General Executive Committee, and report to that body the work of the year.
9. These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the General Executive Committee, by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

SOME BOOKS SUITABLE FOR REFERENCE AND USE IN AUXILIARIES.

Protestant Foreign Missions, by Theodore Christleib, D. D., Ph. D., Congregational Publishing House, Boston.

Christ and Other Masters, Archdeacon Hardwick.

Comparative History of Religions, by J. C. Moffatt.

Christianity and Islam, by Rev. R. N. Stephens.

The Mohammedan Missionary Problem, by Rev. H. Jessup.

Ten Great Religions of the World, by Rev. J. Freeman Clark.

Lecture on Missions, by Max Muller.

Missionary Life Among the Villages of India, by Rev. T. J. Scott, Walden & Stowe, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Go or Send, by Dr. A. Haygood.

Our Oriental Missions, by Bishop Thompson.

Round the World, by Bishop Kingsley.

Our Next Door Neighbor. Mexico. By Bishop Haven.

Problem of Religious Progress, by Daniel Dorchester, D. D.

Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, by Rev. J. M. Reid, D. D., Phillips & Hunt, New York.

Medical Work of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, by Mrs. J. T. Gracey, Rochester.

Historical Sketches of Woman's Missionary Societies in England and America, by Mrs. L. H. Daggett, Boston.

A Woman's Talk About India, by Miss H. G. Brittan, American S. S. Union.

Women of the Orient, by Rev. Ross C. Houghton, Walden & Stowe.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, by Mrs. Mary Sparks Wheeler, Phillips and Hunt, New York.

My Missionary Apprenticeship, by Rev. J. M. Thoburn, D. D., Phillips & Hunt, New York.

From Boston to Bareilly and Back, by Dr. Wm. Butler. Send orders to Miss Walden. Price \$1.50.

Heerah, by Mrs. E. J. Humphrey, Long & Putnam, Boston, Mass.

Land of the Veda, by Rev. Wm. Butler, Phillips & Hunt, New York.

The Orient and Its People, by Mrs. I. L. Hauser, I. L. Hauser & Co., Milwaukee.

China, by Rev. J. T. Gracey.

India, by Rev. J. T. Gracey.

India Missionary Directory and Memorial Volume, Rev. B. H. Badley.

To the East by Way of the West, by Bishop Marvin.

Self Giving, by W. F. Bainbridge. \$1.50.

"A Grain of Mustard Seed," or, the District Secretary's Letter. 10 cts.

Wayside Teachings (in India). 5 cts.

Woman's Work in the Zenanas of India, by Mrs. Gracey, Rochester, N. Y. Single copy, 10 cts.; \$1.00 per dozen.

Peeps at Real Girls in China, by Miss Cushman. Small copies, 10 cts.; twenty copies for \$1.00.

PERIODICALS, ETC.

Heathen Woman's Friend. Mrs. Wm. F. Warren, editor. This paper is published monthly by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The editor's address is 329 Broadway, Cambridgeport, Mass. Names of subscribers, and communications concerning the business, should be addressed to the agent, Miss P. J. Walden, 36 Bromfield street, Boston. Terms, 50 cents per annum. in advance.

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LEAFLETS.

Five million three hundred and seventy thousand pages have been distributed during the last six years. Committee of Publication: Mrs. J. T. Gracey, Chairman, Rochester, N. Y. To be obtained through Branch corresponding secretaries.

MISSIONARY PERIODICALS.

A Gospel in all Lands; an invaluable Missionary Magazine by Rev. Eugene R. Smith, editor. \$2.00 per year. Mission Rooms, 805 Broadway, N. Y.

Missionary World, eight pages, monthly. 25 cents per year.

Little Missionary, four pages, monthly. 25 cents per year. An excellent Auxiliary to Children's Bands. Address for either of these, "A Gospel in All Lands," 805 Broadway, N. Y.

Advocate of Missions. M. E. Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.

Baptist Missionary Magazine.

Woman's Work for Woman. 1,334 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

Children's Work for Children.

Our Mission Field, Presbyterian Church.

The Foreign Missionary.

Missionary Tidings.

Spirit of Missions, Episcopal.

Missionary Review, Princeton, Dr. R. G. Wilder.

Missionary Link, W. U. M. S.

Missionary Helper, Free Baptist.

Friends' Missionary Advocate, 50 cents per annum. Address, 56 Wabash avenue, Chicago.

Life and Light, Congregational, Boston, Mass.

Missionary Herald, American Board

Lutheran Missionary Journal.

Methodist Protestant Missionary.

Helping Hand Baptist.

Indian Witness, Calcutta, India.

Woman's Work in China, Shanghai, China.

MAP OF INDIA, CHINA, BURMAH AND JAPAN.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church has issued an Outline Map, on cloth (size, 5 by 6 feet), of China, Japan and India, with adjacent regions.

The prominent stations occupied by this Society are marked in good, bold letters, so that they may be read across a large room. Many other points are in somewhat smaller letters. Besides this Outline Map, showing the large stations occupied by the Methodist Episcopal Church in Asia, there is a smaller map (inlet) on the corner of the larger one, showing in fuller detail stations and sub-stations of the North India Conference. This map will be sent post-paid to any address for the sum of two dollars. Address, Miss P. J. Walden, 36 Bromfield street, Boston, Mass.

Certificates of Life Membership can be obtained from the Branches through which money is paid.

RULES AND PRONUNCIATION.

PRONUNCIATION OF INDIAN NAMES FURNISHED BY MISS THOBURN.

I find it difficult to give the pronunciation of Indian names in English, as requested, because some of the sounds can not well be indicated by the spelling. A few rules may be helpful, not only in pronouncing the names already given, but those that may occur in letters and reports hereafter.

A has two sounds, a short like u in tub, and a long as in far.

E has the continental sound, like the long e in there.

I is short as in sit, and long when accented, as i in machine.

O is always long, as in no.

U short as in full, ù long as in rule.

Ai as i in mice.

Au as ou in our.

The syllable containing the long vowel is always accented. If there are no long vowels in a word, or if all are long, the syllables have equal quantity.

There is some difficulty in applying these rules, because the long vowel is not often printed with the accent in our reports, and so cannot be distinguished from the short, and because some names are spelled in English, and some in Roman-Urdu.

The stations mentioned in our Indian Mission report of this year are pronounced, as nearly as they can be spelled, as follows :

Kamá on	Kamáw'an	Badá on	Badown
Naini Tal	Nynce Tall	Bilsí	Bilsee
Bhábar	Bhaw-bar	Kakraulí	Kukroulee
Dwára Háth	Dwara Haut	Ghotà	Ghota
Garhwál	Gurhwall	Bissoulí	Bissoulee
Srínagar	Sree-nuggur	Saiswàn	Sicewan
Pithoragarh	Pithora Gurh	Ujainí	Ujiney
Rohilcund	Rohilcund	Data Ganj	Data Gunje
Bijnúr	Bijnour	Oudh	Ou as in Our
Morádabád	Morad'abad'	Laknau	Lucknow
Chandousí	Chundowseé	Kānpur	Cawnpoor
Amroha	Umroha	Ràí Barelí	Roy Barailly
Sambhal	Sumbhul	Bàrabankí	Bara-bunkee
Barcí	Barailly	Sitāpūr	Seetapoor
Philibít	Philibeet	Hardūí	Hur-doo-ee
Aunla	Onnla	Gonda	Goanda
Fathganj	Futhagunje	Nawábganj	Nawáb-gunje
Khera Bajhera	Khaira Bajhaira	Baraich	Baraich
Sháhjahánpūr	Shah'-jehan'-poor		

RULES FOR PRONOUNCING WORDS IN THE FOOCHOW DIALECT, FURNISHED
BY MRS. DR. BALDWIN.

a has the sound of a in far.	ó has the sound of aw.
á " " a in fat.	u " " oo in fool.
e " " a in play.	ã has a guttural sound, like oe in Goethe.
é " " e in met.	ũ has the sound of the French u in l'une.
i " " i in machine.	au " " ow in cow.
í " " i in pin,	ai " " i in kind.
o " " o in bone.	

Hok-chiang	Hoke-cheang	Sia Sek-ong	See-ah Sake ong
Ku-cheng	Koo-cheng	Li Chá Mi	Lee Chá Me
Tiong-lók	Teong-lock	Kiu-Kiang	Kew-keang
Hü Pá Mi	Hü-Paw Me	Wong Ting Ai	Wong Ting Eye.
Li Yu Mi	Lee Yoo Me		

It is almost invariably correct to accent on the last syllable of the name of a place.

JAPAN.

Nagasaki	Nang-a-sä'kee	Kiushiu	Qú-shoo
Tsukiji*	Skee-gee	Liu Kiu	Loo-choo
Tsurunga	Suroong'-gä	Yezo	Yes'-so
Shikoku	She-ko-ku	Dai	Dye.
Kawatsei Sui (Quassui) Jo Gokke.		Name of Nagasaki School.	
* "Ts" has German "z" sound.		Fu-ku-o-ka.	

PRONUNCIATION OF SPANISH NAMES FURNISHED BY MRS. REV. D. KEMBLE.

Puebla	Pwäblä	Rosario	Rō-sär--iō
Leon	Layon	Montevideo	Montā-vid-ā ó
Miraflores	Mee-rahflór-es	Buenos Ay res	Bwā nos ay res
Queretaro	Ker-é tar-a	Orizaba	O-rē gā vā
Real	Rā-äl	Pachuca	Pā-choo ká
Del Monte	Dēl món-tā	Silao	Sē lā ō
Ayapango	Ay a pán go	San Juan	Sān-hwān
Guanajuato	Gwan-a-hwátō		

Seoul, the capital of Korea, is pronounced as if it were Spelled Say-ole.

FORMS FOR WILL AND DEVISE.

Special attention is called to the following form of Bequest and Devise required by the incorporation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society:

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I hereby give and bequeath to the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," incorporated under the Laws of the State of New York, Dollars, to be paid to the Treasurer of said Society, whose receipt shall be a sufficient acquittance to my executors therefor.

FORM OF DEVISE OF REAL ESTATE.

I hereby give and devise to "The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church" [describe land, etc., intended to be given to the Society], and to their successors and assigns forever.

NOTE.—Prompt notice of all bequests and devises should be given to the corresponding secretary of the Branch within which the donor resides.

Mrs. H. B. Skidmore, 230 West 59th street, New York, is the Treasurer of the WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, with power to sign release to executors through whom the Society may receive bequests, and to perform such other acts as are required by the Act of Incorporation, and which cannot be legally executed by Branch Treasurers.

COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE.

The Corresponding Secretaries of the several branches constitute a Committee of Reference, of which Mrs. W. B. Skidmore, No. 230 West Fifty-ninth street, New York, is Chairman, and Mrs. B. R. Cowen, 313 Kemper Lane, Cincinnati, is Secretary,

All communications to be brought before the WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY in the interim of the General Executive Committee must be addressed to the Chairman of the Committee. All estimates to be presented to the General Executive Committee meeting in October should be forwarded to her in advance, sanctioned by the proper authorities in the mission field.